

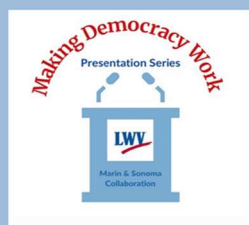


THE VOTER

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“California Redistricting Basics”
A joint Marin/Sonoma LWV Event
Monday, April 19th
11:45am - 1:00pm
Speaker: Pedro Toledo, California
Redistricting Commission

Every 10 years, after the census, states must redraw the boundaries of their Congressional and State Legislative districts. California is one of only seven states in which an independent Redistricting Commission draws the lines. Commissioner Pedro Toledo will describe the history of redistricting in California and the Commission's process in 2021.



Pedro Toledo is the Chief Administrative Officer of Petaluma Health Center (PHC), a nationally recognized, award-winning, federally qualified health center committed to ensuring that all people in Sonoma County have access to high-quality, prevention-focused, patient-centered health care. In 2020, he was selected to serve as one of 14 Commissioners on the California Redistricting Commission. Pedro is one of the Commissioners engaged in outreach to communities in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Join us to learn how redistricting happens in our state and how you and your community can participate in the process.

[Register](#)

If you miss the April 19th presentation, you will have a second chance on **Thursday, April 22nd at 7 pm** to hear Mr. Toledo's presentation on Redistricting at the Los Cien Meeting. [Register](#)

April Board Meeting Highlights

The **CA League State Convention** will be held online June 8th through June 13th. Our delegates are authorized to vote on issues at the convention, whereas observers participate as observers only and attend workshops.

The Board voted to designate the following League members to represent our League at the June State League Convention: Judie Coleman, Sue Jackson, and Karen Weeks. The Board also appointed the following members as observers at the convention: Jim Masters, Debbie Mc Kay, and Linda Rosen.

We are entitled to one more delegate. Please contact Judie Coleman (judielwv@gmail.com) if you are willing to serve as a delegate. If selected as a delegate, the League will pay your registration fee.

The Board will also be recommending a few **by-laws changes** at the June 26th Annual Meeting. Please watch for an email with further information on the recommended changes in May.

Please respond when you receive a phone call from our Membership/Volunteer Chair, Judie Coleman, in the next few months, as we implement the **Observer Corps**, which has been approved by the Board. There will be training on this new venture in the coming months.

In March the Board approved moving to a new information management system called **Club Express**. Leona Judson, Juanita Roland, Iris Levitis, and Judie Coleman are working on the implementation which will include a new, more user-friendly website. Watch for details in future newsletters.

Mail Problems

Have you had mail addressed to the League Returned?

This past year we experienced problems with mail being returned to sender. Thankfully, our VP of Administration, Linda Rosen, has been able to correct the problem by working tirelessly with the Post Office. We are now receiving our mail. If you do have mail returned, please let us know with a phone call to (707) 546-5943 or an email to vpadmin@lwvsonoma.org. If you tried to renew your membership and the check was returned, please go ahead and resend us a check.

Woman's Hour

Book Club selection for April

Our book group reads many interesting things, but this month's selection, ***Woman's Hour***, by Elaine Weiss, is especially significant for League members. Chronicling the final campaign for the 19th amendment, the struggle for ratification within a southern bastion of State Rights, Tennessee, where success was by no means a given and many years of work hung in the balance. It features many figures known to the League, including our founders and those in other factions of the movement, as well as those on the "anti" side.

While we know the outcome, it still manages to be a page-turner. And many of the issue and arguments are still being used today as Voting Rights and the ERA are front and center once again. Whether you attend the book group or not, you may want to read this book.

If you are interested in participating in the group, information about the meeting and up-coming selections are on page 5 and also on the online calendar:

<https://my.lwv.org/california/sonoma-county/calendar-google>

Advocacy Committee Happenings

The climate change issues have gotten so numerous that it was decided to form a subcommittee headed by Gene Zingarelli. Our Board approved endorsing the Climate-California Platform whose aim is to reduce greenhouse emissions by 80% below 1999 levels. Individuals can endorse this comprehensive platform as well. Just go to

<https://theclimatcenter.org/endorsementlist/>

Criminal Justice is the committee's other big focus. Our league helped get the word out about the local ACLU chapter educational event. It was a very informed panel on the role of district attorney. It turns out that after an arrest the DA's office has great powers in deciding how justice will proceed. If you're interested in viewing the forum here is the link to the recording. [Facebook link](#). Our committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Come check us out sometime.

SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 4, 2021 TOWN OF WINDSOR

The Registrar of Voters is holding a special election for the Town of Windsor on May 4th. This special election is only for voters residing in the Town of Windsor and a portion of the Northern Sonoma County Fire Protection District.

Information about the candidates who have submitted their profiles, and details about the measure are available on the League's Voter's Edge: <https://votersedge.org/ca>

Coming Soon: Our Redesigned Website!

The main address will still be www.lwvsonoma.org. All members' contact information will be uploaded into the new site, and you will receive a welcome email when the site goes live, with instructions on how to login to the members section and how to verify and update your contact information. If you are uncertain about your membership status you can contact Juanita Roland at treasurer@lwvsonoma.org, or Judie Coleman at membership@lwvsonoma.org. We think our new site will have many helpful features and be easier to navigate.



Meanwhile:

Our current site is still active at www.lwvsonoma.org or <https://my.lwv.org/california/sonoma-county>. There you can find the calendar of upcoming events, contact information, and other useful information about the League as well as helpful links to government sites.

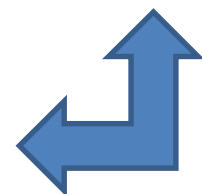
Most of this information is available to everyone, but there is some additional information on the members' page, including a searchable members directory. To get there you must be logged in, which has been a challenge for some.

Members are initially given a login ID consisting of their FirstLast names with no space and a password which should be changed on the initial login. Your email address may also be used for an ID.

To sign-on:

Go to our chapter website: www.lwvsonoma.org or <https://my.lwv.org/california/sonoma-county>. Enter your use name and password at the top right of the screen: Click the "Log In" button.

If you have forgotten your password, or are having trouble making this work, you can contact Juanita Roland at treasurer@lwvsonoma.org for help.



LWVSC Calendar



Standing Meetings

These are all held virtually. Go to our Google calendar for the latest updates and Zoom Link. <https://my.lwv.org/california/sonoma-county/calendar-google>

- **Board Meeting-** Normally the first Saturday of the month. But in April will be on the 10th at 10:00.
- **Advocacy Committee-** 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10:30 to noon.
- **Community Outreach Committee-** 2nd Monday of the month at noon.
- **Voter Service Committee-** 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00 to noon.
- **Book Group:** 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:30 to noon.

Visit our website for updated calendar information.

Book Club Reads

April 15--Moderated by Lee Lipinski

The Woman's Hour, by Elaine Weiss, 404 pages, 2019.

The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss is a stunning, multilayered narrative about the key figures (women and men) at the center of the drama during those fraught weeks in Nashville. It's an American story and therefore one about race and power, about the legacy of the Civil War, and about wounds yet unhealed or forgotten in the south; it's a story about a suffrage movement split over tactics and strategy, with one faction playing within accepted boundaries, and another more radical faction tired of waiting for men to do the right thing (Quote from *Santa Barbara Independent Review* (10/16/19)).

May 20--Moderated by Carole Sunlight

The Unspeakable Mind: Stories of Trauma and Healing from the Frontlines of PTSD Science. By Shaili Jain, M.D. Pub. Harper Books: May 2020.

The Unspeakable Mind is the definitive guide for a trauma-burdened age. Dr. Jain, a practicing psychiatrist and PTSD scientist at the National Center for PTSD shines a light on the PTSD epidemic affecting today's fractured world.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder goes far beyond the horrors of war and is an inescapable part of all our lives. More than six million Americans are suffering with PTSD. Dr. Jain demonstrates the ways this disorder cuts to the heart of life, interfering with one's capacity to love, create, and work—incapacity brought on by a complex interplay between biology, genetics, and environment. Beyond the struggles of individuals, PTSD has a tangible imprint on our cultures and societies around the world.

The 2021 Reading list is online at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZtbZjf6rDN02zzZ01J-0gRcg4uLXcb-T/view?ths=true>

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Voter's Edge

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Addresses of Members Only websites are in the front of the LWVSC directory.

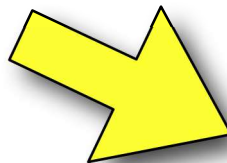
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Please circle any topics you are interested in knowing more about.

Voter Registration

Housing/Homelessness

Newsletter

Candidate Forums

Climate Change

Website Management

Transportation

Immigration

Local Governance

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We do not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. We do, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.

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