



League of Women
Voters of Sonoma County

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With the help of a League coach – Susan Wilson from Redding, the new board met for a retreat in the lovely backyard of Debbie McKay. We spent time getting to know each other as well as planning strategically for the upcoming year. We have a lot that we want – and need – to accomplish considering how democracy is under attack. But we also have committed Board members willing to show up, stand up and speak up for voting rights in Sonoma County. We are counting on all League members to be involved in some respect. Join a committee (Membership, Voter Services, Programs, or Advocacy); table at a community event; join the Observer Corps at local boards and commissions; assist at candidate forums. You will find many other opportunities on our new website.

We also encourage you to sign up for action alerts from the National and State Leagues. Get informed and get active!

Donna Roper
President

Board Briefs 8-21-2021

Did you know we have a coach? Susan Wilson, LWVC Coach, has been assigned to be a coach to our local League and will be assisting us in planning and achieving our goals. Susan joined the Board at their retreat held on Aug. 21, 2021. She reviewed the League Structure: National/State/Bay Area/ US. She clarified that our League may adopt position established by Leagues in other state. We may also act based upon either National or California League's positions (also known as vertical positions).

The Board reviewed the following guidelines--

League Non-Partisan Policy: Members who are appointed to represent our League on a board or commission as a representative of the League must operate within the positions of the League and must remain non-partisan, neither supporting nor opposing any political candidate.

Speaking with One Voice: Only the President speaks for the League. Members of the League Observer Corps are just that—Observers. An Observer may not speak on behalf of the League when observing public meetings, unless so assigned by the President

Committees: Our President, Donna Roper and Susan Wilson reviewed our local League's Committee Structure with assignments listed under each committee. Committee chairs agreed to develop annual goals to support our mission and areas of emphasis adopted last January.

Board Meetings: The Board will continue meeting once a month via Zoom for now. Board meeting dates and times are listed on our website calendar.

Vacant Positions: Available positions are Executive Vice President, VP Advocacy Co-Chair, and Program Chair. If you are interested or want to know more, please contact our Nominating Committee Chair, Susan Novak at info@lwvsonoma.org.

We are also seeking members to join the Membership Committee. If you are interested, please contact Judi Coleman at membership@lwvsonoma.org.

Debbie Mc Kay
Secretary

National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day is celebrated every year on the fourth Tuesday of September. First celebrated in 2012, it is a nonpartisan civic holiday that celebrates our democracy, and one that involves the collective efforts of thousands of volunteers, nonprofit organizations, businesses, schools, libraries, election officials, and more from all over the country. This year, National Voter Registration Day will take place on September 28, 2021.

The goal is to register 1 million new voters by 2022, reaching a total of 5.5 million new voters that have registered on the holiday across all fifty states and the District of Columbia since 2012. National Voter Registration Day is supported by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED), the National Association of Election Officials (Election Center) and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

In Sonoma County, the League will be registering voters at various locations, such as libraries and farmers markets, throughout that whole week in September. Come out and join us!

Karen Weeks
Voter Service

Advocacy Notes

We took some time off in August. But we're back with a busy agenda. We have some big ideas for the months ahead. First, we want to jumpstart our advocacy efforts around affordable housing and homelessness. We had a guest speaker, Gen Klose, the executive director of Generation Housing (GenH) <https://generationhousing.org> at our recent meeting. She outlined reasons for the housing shortage and its impact on communities as well as possible solutions. **We are looking for a member who would like to work on this critical issue.** If interested, contact Leona at action@lvwsonoma.org.

Another hot button issue that came to the attention of our committee was the proposed rail transport of coal via Marin and Sonoma County then north to Humboldt Bay. The Press Democrat wrote a detailed article on September 3rd about this controversial plan and the cast of characters involved from politicians, Indian tribes, businesspeople, and environmentalists. Advocacy voted to ask our Board to oppose the proposal by the little-known corporation out of Wyoming. Meanwhile we, reached out to our leagues in Mendocino and Humboldt counties to see if they would like to add their voices. This is all going on as we go to print.

Finally, the committee chair reviewed our goals for the next few months. They are, in short:

- Recruit a co-chair for advocacy,
- Identify someone who would like to oversee advocacy on housing & homelessness,
- Promote at least two public events over the next several months.

We welcome new members to Advocacy committee and to either of our subcommittees on climate change and criminal justice. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30 AM.

Leona Judson
VP Advocacy

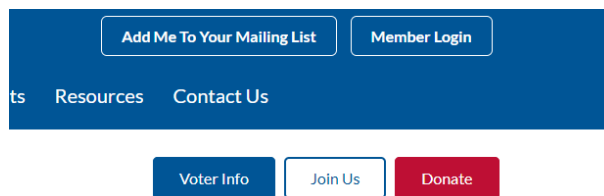
Get to Know More about Our Web Site

Our web site, along with the associated email system, is one of our most efficient means for furthering our mission to “encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government.” There you will find information about voting and planned events, and important links to government site among other things.

This is the first of several articles for those for are unfamiliar with the site, to help them make use of it. Whether you are a member or not, there are many resources available to you there.

Begin by going to www.lwv.sonoma.org. Much of our site is open to public and provides important information about the League, our government, and voting, and allows non-members to request that they be added to our mailing lists for such things as *Newsletters* or *Action Alerts*. But members have some additional options, which require your login.

The login button is in the top right corner of the screen the screen:



If need help logging in, you can refer to an article in the *Summer Voter* https://www.lwvsonoma.org/content.aspx?page_id=5&club_id=720180&item_id=65782&
Or if you still need help, contact communications@lwvsonoma.org.

Once you are logged, in the screen will change slightly. The most noticeable difference will be the addition of the **Members Resources** option. Hover your cursor over that option to get to the **Membership Directory**, which is never made available to non-members. There you can also find references specific to the operation of the League, like our *By Laws* and *Policies*. Members will also see additional events that are intended primarily for members.

The screen you will see will look basically like this:

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LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SONOMA COUNTY

Voter Info Join Us Donate

A Voice for Citizens, A Force for Change

The League of Women Voters encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. We are a diverse, non-partisan, political group with a long-standing tradition of educating voters.

Upcoming Events

SEP 13	Making Democracy Work - Local Redistricting
SEP 13	Community Outreach Committee Meeting - Cancelled
SEP 16	Book Group
SEP 23	Voter Service Meeting
SEP 28	National Voters Registration Day
OCT 2	LWV Board Meeting
OCT 4	Community Outreach Committee Mtg

Newsletters

Elections/Voting
Updating Voter Registration Information
Updating Voter Information
Aug 9, 2021

Redistricting ToolKit
Information on Redistricting Process
Aug 9, 2021

News
The Voter - Summer 2021
Summer 2021 Newsletter
Jul 7, 2021

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The first thing you will probably notice is the slide show, a rotating collection of pictures of Sonoma County and our League activities. We are hoping to be able to add some newer ones as we emerge from this pandemic and can meet in person again. If you have a picture that you would like to contribute, you can send it to communications@lwgsonoma.org.

In the **header** at the top, you will find a variety of options. In the far upper left you will now see your name. Go there to get to your **Profile**, for example. You can hover your cursor over a tab and then click on the option you choose, or if there are no sub-options, such as **Home**, just click on the option. There will be more about the various options in future articles, but for now explore and see what you can find. This header, as well as the footer, in blue at the bottom, will appear on most pages, making it easy to navigate around the site.

To the left of the slide show is a list of **Upcoming Events**. You can click on an event to get more complete information about the event. You can also see a complete calendar of events under the tab **News and Events**.

Below the slide show to the left you will see as list recent **newsletters** and **other articles**. Again, click on any of these to see the full publication. You can find a more extensive list under ***News and Events***.

In the center, below the slide show, you will see our most recent Facebook post. Clicking on that will take you to our Facebook page. To the right of that are some other important links: to ***Voters Edge***, where you can find your ballot, important information about candidates and ballot measures, and other election information; and to our local ***League YouTube Channel***, which includes videos of candidate forums and other useful information.

We are just getting started with our new web site, so watch this space. And if you have any questions, or would like to contribute to the site, contact communications@lwvsonoma.org.

Juanita Roland, Communications Co-chair

LWVSC Calendar



[Link to Events Calendar](#)

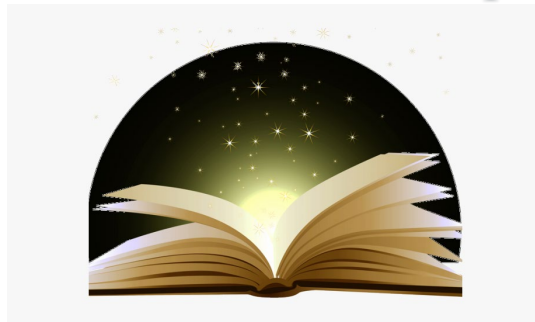
- **National Voter Registration Day**-Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Sign up to help. See article on page 2

Standing Meetings

Check the [online calendar](#) for the latest schedule and for location or links to virtual meetings.

- **Board Meeting**-1st Saturday of the month, 10:30 AM to Noon
- **Advocacy Committee**- 1stTuesday of the month from 10:30 AM to Noon
- **Community Outreach Committee**- 1nd Monday of the month at Noon to 2:00 PM.
- **Voter Service Committee**- 4th Thursday of the month from 10:30 to Noon
- **Book Group**: 3rd Thursday of the month from 10:30 AM to Noon.

LWV Book Group



September 16—Moderated by Sukey Robb-Wilder

Gods of the Upper Air: How a Circle of Renegade Anthropologists Reinvented Race, Sex, and Gender in the Twentieth Century, Charles King, 467 pages, 2019

"In *Gods of the Upper Air*, Charles King departs from his field of political science to chronicle the birth of cultural anthropology at the start of the twentieth century, writing about the scientists who "found themselves on the front lines of the greatest moral battle of our time: the struggle to prove that—despite difference of skin color, gender, ability, or custom—humanity is one undivided thing" The concerns of the heroes in *Gods of the Upper Air* have much in keeping with the sociopolitical topics that have driven American discourse since 2016: immigration, nationalism, race relations.,

October 21--Moderated by Joyce MacLaury

***Imperfect Union* by Steve Inskeep**, 353 pages, 2020.

How Jessie and John Fremont mapped the west, invented celebratory and helped cause the civil war. This book is a masterfully dual biography of how the Fremonts won the American West. Action packed stories about the Mexican War, the Oregon Trail, the California wilderness and the Civil War are bountiful. And the political intrigue surrounding the birth of the Republican Party offered is marvelous

November 18—Choose books for the coming year. A time to bring in your list and talk about a lot of great books.

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www.facebook.com/lwvsonomacounty

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<http://www.lwvbayarea.org>

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www.ca.lwv.org

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Voter's Edge

<http://votersedge.org/en/ca>

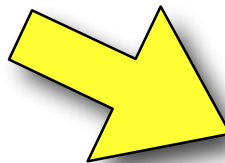
Addresses of Members Only websites are in the front of the LWVSC directory.

Remember to sign up for email alerts and newsletters when you visit these websites.

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questions, and
suggestions.
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We want to hear from you!

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LWV of Sonoma County*



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Memberships Levels

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<i>Centennial Membership</i>	\$100
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are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law**

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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