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LWVNOC Member Sue Fisher: Helping in Houston

Sue Fisher, our Membership Chair, is a trained disaster responder, so when Hurricane Harvey hit Texas, Sue was called up to help out in Houston. She is sending updates to LWVNOC President Frann Shermet.

Day 1--

Got my assignment-- Driver! Moving supplies to distribution points and sometimes just driving around communities and handing out what's needed. Hot, heavy work, but needed. Desperately.

The work itself is very physical because I'm driving around a 20-foot box truck, then climbing out, climbing in the truck, getting supplies to the people, sometimes carrying stuff to a person's porch (particularly the elderly or frail) then hopping back in the truck until I see more people who need supplies. Then repeat 40-50 times. Boy am I getting a work out! [Continued on page two]



Sue Fisher and her neighborhood delivery truck.

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Our job is to contact people in affected neighborhoods and provide supplies such as water, bleach, food, diapers and more. Very rewarding but heartbreaking as you see and hear what they went through and continue to.

Day 8 --

Today is my day off. They make us take this day off in our 14-day deployment to rest. Day one, you think it's not needed. By Day 7, you are happy it's here. Still in the 90s but even more humid with some rain. Like people here need that! The extra humidity makes pulling supplies out of those box trucks even more strenuous-- must be over 100 degrees in them--and you are often pulling cases of water and other heavy stuff for a couple hours at a time. Gatorade has become my friend.

Houston: this stuff is already starting to smell. The rain just makes it worse. I talked with a mother yesterday who was frustrated because she was having trouble with the FEMA on line app. She needed help with all the mold in her house and it was making her little boy (6 maybe) sick. The poor little guy looked so sad. The mother started to cry, which of course, made me cry. So much need-- and now in so many places. Makes me sad for mothers on all affected areas--all around the world.

Sadly some people don't or can't remove their flooded interiors and continue to live in their homes. Imagine this at 90 degrees and almost as much humidity. Some places may not get picked up for weeks or months.

When you're deployed on these things, you completely lose track of day and date. I can only reliably count by days working. I also find myself fairly removed from the news except what other volunteers mention during the day. It's almost like the rest of the world events have temporarily paused, with just quick glances now and then.

The volunteers here are just incredible. They come from all over the US, in a range of ages and experiences. Two extraordinary young men from Hawaii have been deployed to over a dozen disasters. They've already been here for 3 weeks and are hoping to go to Puerto Rico to help set up their warehouse operations like they did here. Amazing.

We work long hard days, but we support one another, tease one another, and look out for one another, even though we have only known one another for a couple days. Things are not perfect, but everyone just adjusts and moves on. We are really like a clan. I enjoy it tremendously.



Read All About It: Homelessness in OC

The County of Orange has an Office of Care Coordination that is finding ways to deal with the problem of homelessness in our area. The link below will take you to the August issue of their newsletter. There you will find a wealth of information about homelessness across the country and more specifically here in Orange County.



http://local.anaheim.net/docs_agend/questys_pub/14558/14588/14590/15353/15380/3.%20Care%20Coordination%20Newsletter%20-%20August%20201715380.pdf

Hey! It's time to renew your membership. The membership form is located on the last page of The Voter. Just fill in the form, write a check, and mail it in.



Do You Want to Receive News and Alerts from LWVC in Your Inbox?

Clicking on the link will take you to the League of Women Voters California. There, you can choose among four sources for news and alerts: the **LWVC Newsletter**, **Voter's Edge California**, **Easy Voter Guide**, and **Action Alerts**. If you like, you can also join a variety of Facebook, Yahoo, and Google groups, each dedicated to a particular subject of discussion.



Voter's Choice California (VCC), a new statewide coalition, kicks off this month with the launch of its [website](#). VCC, a project of Future of California Elections, is committed to advancing effective implementation of California's biggest election reform, the Voter's Choice Act (VCA).

Enacted in 2016, the VCA transforms the way Californians will vote by allowing voters to choose when, where and how to vote. It also creates opportunities for public input, such as identifying convenient voting locations and recommending how best to serve limited English proficient voters and voters with disabilities.

The VCC website is an important resource for anyone working to implement the California Voter's Choice Act. **The website features an interactive calendar for VCA events, a fact sheet about the VCA, answers to frequently asked questions, resources for election administrators, and the latest information on the implementation of the California Voter's Choice Act.** *[Click on the word "website" in the first paragraph to visit the Voter's Choice website.]*

Successful implementation of California's new reform requires significant coordination. Future of California Elections (FoCE) builds off its five-year history of forming a successful multi-sector statewide collaboration to support and coordinate the work of the Voter's Choice California coalition.

The Voter's Choice California coalition is open to organizations and leaders statewide who are interested in working with their counties to implement the 2016 California Voter's Choice Act. Contact us at VCC@futureofcaelections.org or sign up for VCC's email list to receive updates.

The law authorizes 14 specified counties to adopt the Voter's Choice Act in 2018. Orange County is one of those. To date, four counties have decided to participate in the VCA: Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, and San Mateo. Other counties considering shifting to VCA elections include Madera and Sutter. The remaining eight authorized counties have chosen not to implement VCA in 2018, but may choose to do so in future years. All other California counties are authorized to make the switch starting in 2020.

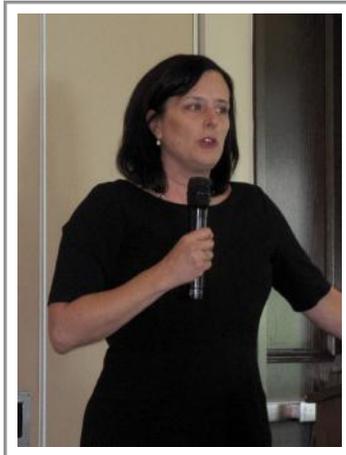
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Snapshots of our Kick-off Luncheon



LWVNOC President
Frann Shermet



Guest Speaker
Judge Mary Kreber Varipapa



Leaguers at the buffet. The food was good!

Lunch with League by Marge Imbler

As the days get shorter and the leaves are falling, it is a wonderful time for a delectable lunch. Join us on Thursday, October 26, 2017, for our first Lunch with League luncheon for 2017-2018. We will be meeting at the Los Coyotes Country Club, 1440 E Bastanchury Road in Fullerton. There promises to be good food, interesting conversation, and a knowledgeable and informative speaker all for the usual price of \$20.00 per person.

Our Speaker is Terri Giamarino, Superintendent of the North Orange County Regional Occupational Program (NOCROP). Terri has a BS in Organizational Leadership, a MS in Educational Administration, and she holds a Designated Subject's Career Technical Education (CTE) teaching credential, and an Administrative Services credential. She is well versed and passionate about CTE and how it changes students' lives and prepares them for high-wage, high-skilled, high-demand careers.



Terri Giamarino

Reservations: email us at lunchwithleague@lwnvoc.org prior to 10:00AM on Tues., Oct 24th. For more information, please check our website, www.lwnvoc.org or call us at 714-254-7440.

It is a new Luncheon year so please remember our **guidelines**:

- 1) Coyote Hills requires our reservation counts by 10:00 AM on the Tuesday before the luncheon.
- 2) No reservations or cancellations can be accepted after the above time.
- 3) Any mail-in reservations must be accepted by the Monday before the lunch.
- 4) A reservation made is a reservation paid. This includes late cancellations.

The Board of Supervisors Report by Wanda Shaffer

The OC Campaign and Ethics Commission may finally become a reality! The voters of OC passed the forming of the Commission in June of 2016. Almost a year later, April of 2017, the BOS has hired Executive Director Dena Hoard; a lawyer for 23 years, she had been an Asst. Attorney for Santa Ana and a legal counsel for the CA State University system. Finally, September of 2017, Supervisors Nelson, Steel, and Spitzer have nominated their District Commissioners! Supervisor Nelson appointed Peter Agarwal, an Anaheim bank manager. Supervisor Steel appointed Josh Ji, an Irvine lawyer, admitted to the CA bar less than a year ago; Supervisor Spitzer appointed Honorable Judge Tam Nomoto-Schumann, a member of the CA Judges Association for 2011-2018. Although Supervisors Bartlett and Do have not yet stated their appointees, Supervisor Spitzer happily reported that now the BOS has a quorum and the appointees can conduct a random draw of lots for the length of terms of office. (The campaigns for the 2018 elections are fully underway already!)

Finally the BOS resolved starting recruitment for the OIR, the Office of Independent Review! The office has been vacant for months. In a June public address the OC ACLU, while criticizing the OC Jail System, stressed that the OIR must be an independent office.

Evidently the OC Fire Authority and the OC Sheriff Department had a Memorandum of Understanding concerning who reports to the calls for help. However, it cannot be found! So the two groups are now undergoing talks for a new memorandum. It needs to be hurried since the "lost old MOU" stated it would end in 60 days. Seems both groups show up at the urgent call scenes and

there is a concern that there may be helicopter and crew mishaps unless it is clarified who reports when. Is it a "search and rescue" or is it a "person needs help" scenario? Stay tuned!

The BOS renewed a \$1,650,000 contract with the Midnight Mission to direct the homeless scene at the Courtyard in Santa Ana. This was the old Transportation Center. The 2 hours of public addresses offered two scenarios. One side complained of the untrained staff, of guards making arbitrary evictions, and that "non-legalized security caused violent crimes," and that those crimes have increased. The other side spoke of their appreciation for help and recovering. A Sister of St. Joseph's urged the BOS to put homeless on all the committees and give them leadership. The speaker from OC Home and the Legal Aid Society commented that they were against the inclusion of Anaheim's "Home Safe" plan and the Sheriff Department formulating a plan

of involvement. They stated they felt it would be a "criminalizing act." Asst. Sheriff Barnes replied that it would be a seven-day a week staffing, working with the cities as a team.

Once again, the BOS spent a good amount of time on the homeless problem. Supervisor Nelson stated at the end of the discussion, with exasperation, *"We're missing Step 1 = triage! WE NEED PROPERTIES to send people to, in sections zoned w/bus stops, freeways, and food banks. We don't have anywhere to send them. We found property already zoned for homelessness, and yet we couldn't get cities to let the homeless in."*

NIMBY! Almost all experts agree it needs to be homes and shelters.....when will our society start making room?

The OC Campaign and Ethics Commission and the Office of Independent Review Become Realities

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 Membership Form 2017 - 2018**

Name(s) of Member(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

Individual member	\$65.00	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New member <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____		
Additional household member	\$32.50	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New member <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____		
Student member	\$32.50	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New member <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____		
Additional donation to League (To cover our operating expenses, etc.):						
	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	other	\$ _____
Donation to Educational Fund (Separate tax-deductible donation):						
	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	other	\$ _____
Total enclosed (Make checks payable to LWVNOC .) Thank you.					\$ _____	

How can you serve the League? How can the League serve you?

Please complete this member survey. Circle your choices or fill in the blanks.

Our areas of emphasis this year are: **Voting Issues, Civic Engagement, Education, and Housing and Homelessness.**

I am interested in working on: _____

I would also be willing to work on special events and other League projects. Yes No

I have special skills (for example: graphic art, computers): _____

I am currently: Working Retired My job/profession: _____

I prefer to attend League events: During the day In the evening Weekdays Weekends

Suggestion for an activity or speaker: _____

I wish to support the work of the League by renewing my membership or by making a donation, but I am currently unable to participate in League events. Yes No

Comments: _____

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For Treasurer's Use Only: Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Date: _____



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