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President's Message by Frann Shermet

Hello Leaguers: Last month we held a Candidates forum at the Ehlers Event Center in Buena Park for the 39th Congressional District. Eleven of the seventeen candidates vying for Rep. Ed Royce's seat agreed to attend, so the forum was held in two rounds. More seats had to be brought in for the larger than expected audience, and everyone got a chance to learn about the candidates firsthand.

At our April Lunch With League, Jan Wagner (our venerated sage) analyzed the five issues to be presented on the June ballot. This is the best way to understand the issues and vote intelligently on the ramifications of these possible future laws for the State of California that will impact all of our lives.

Upcoming in this month is our Annual Meeting. I will be reporting on what has been accomplished during the past year, and Pat Ganer will be our speaker. Be sure to make your reservations for Lunch with League as the information available at these events will have great importance.

Kudos to our Advocacy Chair Mary Fuhrman and Membership Co-Chair Sue Fisher who worked together to design and produce over 15,000 bookmarks, which were distributed to all North Orange County High School juniors and seniors. The bookmarks contain information on how to preregister at age 16 so that voting at age 18 is seamless.

On May 11 many of us will be attending the ILO (Inter-League Organization) Annual Meeting. The Special Guest will be **Chris Carson**, President LWV US. Chris is a California native and a dynamic speaker. If you wish to attend go to <https://goo.gl/forms/Onvy4gySgoOTLbww2>. Whew! Long address but worth it.

Summer is coming and although we are somewhat dark at that time there will still be much activity. August will be Strategic Planning for the coming year. Our four focus areas are Voting Rights, Education, Civil Discourse and Housing and Homeless. I welcome your input and ideas on these items.

Stay Cool.



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OC Board of Supervisors April 10, 2018 mtg.

by Wanda Shaffer ILO/NOC

** The BOS directed all OC public officials to seek County Counsel legal advice on mass mailing items, prohibiting use of County funds for certain mass mailings, and requiring a 2/3 vote for future amendments to this resolution. They ordered to “receive and file” mass mailing practices, a checklist and mass mailing training materials.

** \$24 million... Artificial Intelligence—assisted Peer Chat, Therapy Avatar, Customized Wellness Coach, Marketing and Evaluation. \$24 million, over a four-year span, will be used for an Innovative Mental Health Program. It’s a large scale approach using 24/7 artificial technology to address the mental health crisis with its “large scale impact, unlimited access to services and support anonymity that can alleviate fear or stigma of accessing services and ability to detect and prevent serious, mental illness.” This has been a tested pilot by LA Co. and other sites and shown good results.

** \$28 million, annually for 3 years for Behavioral Health Outpatient Services for Children and Youth. Discussion ensued with Supervisor Nelson concerned with the geographic locations of the services. He stressed they needed to be easily accessible for families to reach w/public transportation or a lesser amount of travel time. It is a continued item to be again discussed at the April 24 BOS mtg.

** The outstanding county program, “Waste Not OC” was again awarded \$250,000 for administrative purposes. Dr. Eric Handler, OC Health, has expanded the fight against “Food Insecurity” and has received national recognition. Supporters spoke highly of this: Operation Yellow Cab, which freely transports food left from restaurants and stores; three major Waste Recyclers, state they are now required by state law to divert from landfills. It was stated that 40% of all food ends up in waste! OC Health Inspectors praised the program and stated that the it is being used all over the state, Ventura County, El Dorado, Berkeley, etc. Dr. Handler has continually refined the food distribution. A vacuum sealer is used as well as freezers and refrigeration. The Chief of Kaiser Permanente Pediatrics now screens every child seen and gives info about Waste Not OC. Her report stated that 59% of our children are “food deficient.” If YOU would like more info on this wonderful service, please Google “Waste Not OC” and urge your local restaurants and stores to “get onboard!”



Lunch With League

by Marge Imbler

Join us on Thursday, May 24th for our final Lunch with League before the summer months begin. Our luncheon is held at the Coyote Hills Country Club, located at 1440 E Bastanchury Rd., Fullerton, 92831. We gather at 11:00 am. for socializing and the lunch and program begins at 11:30.

This is our time to welcome the new and returning board members for the 2018-2020 term of office and reaffirm the board members for the 2017- 2019 term of office.

Our guest speaker is Pat Ganer. Pat has been a frequent speaker at our League events and always gives us well thought information. Her topic is very timely: "Hot Topics, Cool Heads" on civil discourse.

Pat Ganer recently retired from Cypress College after 46 years. Dr. Ganer was a faculty member in Speech Communication since 1971. She held many important positions: Chair of the Curriculum Committee, President of the Academic Senate, Chair of the Professional Growth and Development Committee, and first faculty chair of the Accreditation Self-Study.

Dr. Ganer earned her BA in Political Science from USC, her MA in Political Science from UCLA, and her Ph.D. in Communication with an emphasis on Political Communication from the University of Utah. Pat is also an avid fan of the Utah Utes and the Anaheim Angels!

Reservations: Email us at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org prior to 10:00AM on Tuesday, May 22nd. For more information, please check our website: www.lwvnoc.org or call us at 714-254-7440.

Guidelines:

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



Pat Ganer, retired professor of speech communication at Cypress College

Read With League

by Penny Brown

Tuesday, May 8th, at 1:00pm, will be the next Read With League meeting. We will meet at the home of Satya Khouri; Mary Fuhrman will be leading the discussion. We will be reading and discussing **Upstairs at the White House** by J.B. West and Mary Lynn Kotz. West, chief usher of the White House or executive director of the executive mansion and grounds for six presidents and first ladies, provides an absorbing, one-of-a-kind history of life among the first ladies. **Upstairs at the White House** is a rich account of a slice of American history that usually remains behind closed doors. I think we will all be intrigued by the perspective gained from the usher's unique viewpoint. I learned a lot about these first families of which I had been previously unaware.

As always, new members are welcome. You may contact me, Penny Brown, for more information at 714-828-4668 or libraryPRB@aol.com.

LWVNOC Project: Pre-Register 16-17 Year Olds.

by Mary Fuhrman

After the February 14 school shooting tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, the LWVNOC board decided we should help O.C. teenagers who are inspired by Parkland students' dramatic political response to the atrocity. California, with about nineteen other states, allows 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register, so that on their eighteenth birthday, they are fully registered and ready to vote. Knowing that the Florida student leaders had picked three days for demonstrations, we decided to use April 20, the anniversary of the Columbine shooting, to distribute bookmarks that have directions on one side showing how to go on line to register to vote, and on the other side, a description of the Voter's Edge website, where they can get valuable information that will help them when they get their ballots in the future.

We printed 16,000 bookmarks and distributed about 15,300 to the juniors and seniors through their social studies classes in the sixteen high schools that are in our eight cities. Sue Fisher designed the bookmark. Patti and Hank Chikahisa, Barbara Orosz, and Steve Fuhrman helped me count and package the cards. Fran Shermet, Wanda Shaffer, Jennifer Trafford, Ed and Lois Smith, and Sharon Sorensen helped in delivering them to the schools. We plan to call the Register of Voters office in May to see if there was an increase in pre-registration applications from North Orange County.

Great American Write-In

by Becky Newman and Felicity Figueroa, Women For

I wanted to be sure that all the League folks who volunteered at the great American Write-In got this wrap-up report from Felicity Figueroa of Women For!

As I think you probably already know, here's what our League volunteers accomplished:

- 208 attenders signed the Our Schools and Communities first petition being handled by Mary Ann Gaido and her team.
- We gave out at least 120 personalized "Citizen Activist Kits" at the "Know Your Electeds" table.
- Seven folks registered to vote at our Voter Registration table and folks got introduced to Voter's Edge, and the League and teen attenders got Voter's Edge info for their folks.
- Vickie and her team also did networking with other participants on behalf of COAST.
- Vickie also suggested that future Write-Ins post signs with a hashtag for this event, such as #GAWI or #WomenForOC, for example, encouraging attendees to post pictures on social media (Twitter, Instagram, FB) & they loved this idea. We ourselves posted pictures of newly registered voters on our Facebook & Instagram accounts.
- Our new "Vote" sashes looked great on Vickie & Michele – we should all use them next year.
- At Judy Standerford's suggestion we gave pendants or key chains to the Women For members. staffing the Write-In, and they were delighted.



STARTING IN 2018, CHANGES ARE COMING TO ELECTIONS IN
MADERA, NAPA, NEVADA, SACRAMENTO AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES.

Future of California Elections (FOCE) by Sharon Sorensen

It was estimated that approximately 250 people were in attendance at this year's Future of California Elections (FOCE) Conference held March 8, 2018 at the California Endowment Los Angeles Conference Center. California Secretary of State, Alex Padilla, was the keynote speaker. Secretary Padilla stated emphatically that there was no breach in the 2016 election, in other words: there was no voter fraud. He did, however, state that the suspicion of voter suppression is rooted in white supremacy. He also noted that California is once again leading the way for voters rights with approval of the Voter's Choice Act of 2015, providing increased language and disability access, and including pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds. He noted that on-line voter registration spiked after each of the presidential debates.

In 2017 and 2018, several laws went into effect. As the default option, under the motor-voter law, the DMV automatically registers voters, unless they opt out. This is expected to increase voter registration. Voter registration will now be available in ten languages and fully accessible voting machines for the disabled will be available at DMVs.

Starting in 2018, San Mateo County will be one of the first to implement the Voter's Choice Act; a new law that expands voters' choices as to where, when and how to vote. All registered voters will receive their ballot in the mail about a month before the election. Instead of going to their old polling places, San Mateo voters will have three choices for how to vote:

Vote by Mail. Mail your ballot starting as soon as you receive it.

Drop Box: Drop off your ballot at any secure Drop Box starting as soon as you receive it. No postage required at Drop Boxes.

Vote Centers. Go to any Vote Center in your county to vote in person. Vote Centers will be open for up to 11 days in a row through 8 PM on Election Day. At every Vote Center you can: vote, register and vote the same day, drop off your ballot, use an accessible voting machine, and get help and voting materials in multiple languages.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors, citing the danger of voter fraud, has not approved the Voter's Choice Act.

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**LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of NORTH ORANGE COUNTY
 Membership Form 2017 - 2018**

Name(s) of Member(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

Individual member	\$65.00	Renewal ___	New member ___	\$ _____		
Additional household member	\$32.50	Renewal ___	New member ___	\$ _____		
Student member	\$32.50	Renewal ___	New member ___	\$ _____		
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: _____

Please send this completed form with your check to LWVNOC, P.O. Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834

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



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