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## LWVNOC President Prepares to Hand Over the Gavel

Dear North Orange County Leaguers:

It is truly hard to believe how quickly two years have passed and that I am writing this to you as I prepare to transition to immediate past president. It certainly was a busy two years, and I could not have done it without the invaluable assistance of many wonderful people.

My faithful and "right arm Vice President" Deborah Vagts. She and I clicked and always seemed to be on the same wave length. We could anticipate each others thoughts and concerns and worked extremely well together.

My immediate past President Jan Wagner. A true mentor with a vast knowledge of League information. She walked me through my first year with patience and understanding and a few laughs, too.

Karen Hill our Recording Secretary for many, many meetings who did a great job with the minutes and Kristina Fruneaux who took over for Karen and continues to do a fine job.

Marilyn Buchi, formidable Treasurer of the organization for many years, doing the financials and paying the bills. Thank you for doing that very important work.

It takes a collective effort to make our League viable, and special thanks go out to all the members of the Board for everything they do as volunteers for North Orange County.

While there is still much to do, the new Board of Directors is invigorated and motivated and anxious to work with the ongoing leadership of the members. Going forward, it is clear the NOC will be in great hands under the leadership of Pearl Mann. Please be ready to assist Pearl and her Board in any capacity. She will need everyone to step up to the plate in the next two years.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your President. It has been an honor, a joy, and an experience that I will always cherish.

Yours in League,  
Frann



LWVNOC President  
Frann Shermet



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# Mueller Report Reveals Urgent Need for Election Security

WASHINGTON – President of the League of Women Voters of the United States **Chris Carson** issued the following statement in response to the Mueller report:

“The Special Counsel’s report makes one thing crystal clear: a foreign government interfered in the 2016 presidential election. Congress must now take bold action to secure our elections systems from future attacks. To do so, Congress must have access to the full report and the underlying investigative documentation to understand the full scope of the attack.

“Congress has the power to strengthen our election security with modern requirements for political ads that create greater transparency in our elections. Voters have a right to know about foreign sponsors and funders of the campaign-related ads they see.

“The Special Counsel’s report signals the need for immediate action to safeguard the integrity of our elections. One solution is sitting in a Senate committee right now. The *For the People Act* includes provisions that would ensure transparency in political ads as well as funding for cybersecurity that will protect our elections.

“This report makes it clear: Congress should pass the *For the People Act* this year to ensure that 2020 campaigns are free from foreign influence and voters can cast their ballots with confidence. The American people must know who is attempting to sway their votes.”



LWVUS President Chris Carson

## For The People Act



Protect & Expand Voting Rights



Create An Ethical & Accountable Government



Reduce The Influence Of Big Money In Politics

## Welcome New Members by Sharon Sorensen

If you haven’t met our newest League members yet, hopefully you will get a chance to very soon. A new member orientation was held immediately prior to Lunch With League in March. Several new members were in attendance and met with team leaders and Board members and began to learn what the League is about. If you see them, please extend them a warm welcome and let them know how long you have been a Member and what being a League member means to you!

Judy Brough Fritts  
Anne Hammer  
Susan Shultz  
Cheryl Zimmerman  
Victoria Mata

Gloria Mata  
Mary Deming  
Betty Hammond  
Bonnie Robinson  
Terry LePage

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# April's Lunch with League: Waste not; Want not

by Jim Hill

Our speaker was Rachel Otair, program manager at Waste Not OC. In her presentation at Lunch with League, she told a hugely uplifting story of how a local organization is solving a perplexing sociological problem, people who need food. Its model is now being studied and adopted across the country.

Forty per cent of all food produced in American is never eaten and simply goes to waste. Waste Not OC Coalition began in 2012 with a simple question: if we could capture all the food that is thrown away in Orange County, could we end hunger here? Since the answer seemed to be yes, the next question was how to do it. The basic outline in three steps is 1) redirect unwanted wholesome food to local pantries, 2) identify individuals impacted by food insecurity, and 3) connect these individuals to sources of food.

Currently there are 300,000 food insecure people living in Orange County. These are people who are undernourished and unsure of where their next meal will be found. There are over 200 separate food banks and pantries in the county that have been struggling to meet their needs.

Waste Not OC's brilliant contribution has been to organize these banks and pantries into a single coalition that collaborates with grocers, distributors, school districts, sports arenas, convention centers, hospitals, waste haulers, and other entities to reduce hunger and food waste by safely and cost effectively recovering unwanted wholesome food for distribution to local pantries. Since its inception in 2012, Waste Not has made spectacular gains. In 2018 the Coalition provided 17,509,671.75 pounds of nutritious food or 14,591,393 meals. This is food that otherwise would have wound up in our landfills.

From food donors, to runners who pick up and deliver food, to kitchens where food is prepared for consumption or to pantries and banks for free distribution, everyone involved is trained in safe food handling protocols

called F R E S H: food recovery enhanced safety handling. Donors display the Waste Not logo with pride because the Waste Not brand continuously has maintained the highest quality. Donors have discovered that by donating left over food, they have learned how to reduce waste while earning valuable tax deductions for their donations.



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## Lunch With League by Marge Imbler

Join us on May 23 for our 2018-2019 Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Coyote Hills Golf Course, 1440 Bastanchury Rd. in Fullerton. **Our Annual Meeting starts at 10:30 followed by lunch and our speaker for May, Val Zavala.** Do come early to socialize with our members. The laughter and talk always fills the room. The cost for lunch is \$20.00. We accept cash, checks, or credit cards.

**Our wonderful speaker will be Val Zavala.** Ms. Zavala retired after a 30-year career as a broadcast journalist at KCET, public television for Southern California. Over her career she was a reporter, anchor, producer and V.P. of News and Public Affairs. She covered major issues impacting Southern California politics, education, healthcare, environment, demographics, the economy, and arts and culture. As anchor/reporter for the long-running SoCal Connected and Life & Times, Ms. Zavala has won 19 LA Area Emmy Awards, 8 Golden Mikes, and numerous Los Angeles Press Club awards. She also won a prestigious Walter Cronkite Excellence in Journalism award for her 1-minute ballot proposition explainers.

Ms. Zavala received her Masters in Journalism from American University in Washington, D.C. She received her BA in Latin American Studies from Yale University. She was a John S. Knight Journalism Fellow at Stanford University in 1992.

Ms. Zavala serves on the Board of Directors of KCET, and also the Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles. She lives in Altadena with her artist husband and dog, Casey.



Val Zavala  
Broadcast Journalist

**Reservations:** Email us at [lunchwithleague@lwnoc.org](mailto:lunchwithleague@lwnoc.org) prior to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23rd. Calls can also be made to us at 714-254-7440.

**Guidelines:**

- 1) Los Coyotes requires our reservations count by 10:00 a.m. on the Tuesday before the luncheon.
- 2) No reservation or cancellations can be accepted after the above date.
- 3) A reservation made is a reservation paid. This includes late cancellations.



April 2019

## 2019 Point In Time Count

The Point In Time is a biennial count of people experiencing homelessness on a given point in time during the last 10 days of January. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires more than 400 Continuum of Care jurisdictions across the nation to complete the biennial unsheltered count and an annual sheltered count of all individuals experiencing homelessness in the community.

In Orange County, the 2019 Sheltered Point In Time Count took place the night of Tuesday, January 22, 2019, while the 2019 Unsheltered Point In Time Count taking place over two days, Wednesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 24, 2019. The count provides vital information that helps the County better understand homelessness in the community and guides the way the County and its partners respond to homelessness in Orange County.

[Click here](#) to view the 2019 Point In Time Count eleven-page Summary and Infographic.

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# LWVNOC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## May

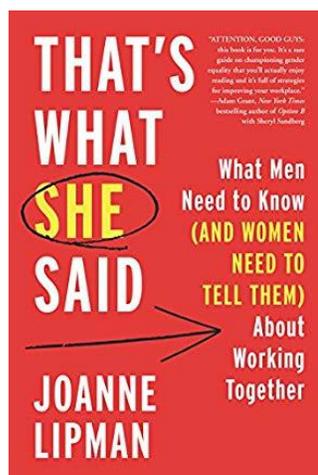
- 14 Tuesday**      **Read with League**      At the home of Mal and Kay Bruce. **That's What She Said: What Men Need to Know (and Women need to Tell Them) About Working Together** by Loanne Lipman. Reviewed by Satya Khouri. For more information please contact Penny Brown at (714) 828-4668 or at [LibraryPRB@aol.com](mailto:LibraryPRB@aol.com)  
**1:00 pm**
- 15 Wednesday**      **Board Meeting**      At North Orange County ROP located at 385 N. Muller Street in Anaheim.  
**10:00 am**      The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room. All members are welcome.
- 23 Thursday**      **Lunch with League**      At Coyote Hills Golf Course, located at 1440 Bastanchury Road in Fullerton.  
**10:30 am**      **and Annual Meeting**      Our speaker is Val Zavala, retired host of "California Connected." on KCET. The cost of lunch is \$20. Email reservations to [lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org](mailto:lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org).
- 31 Friday**      **State League**      The purpose of Convention is to inspire and empower Californians to increase their  
**thru Sunday**      **Convention**      active and informed participation in civic life. Come meet passionate people from  
**June 2**      across the state who are making democracy work! See the flyer on page 2.

## June

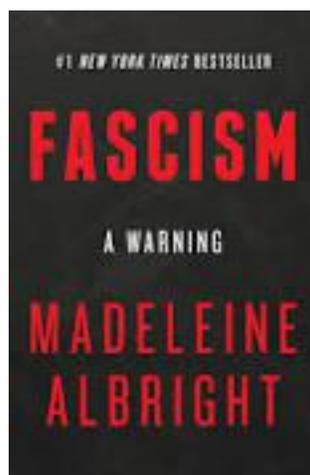
- 11 Tuesday**      **Read with League**      **Fascism: A Warning** by Madeleine Albright, reviewed by Penny Brown. Hosted by  
**1:00 pm**      Satya Khouri and Mary Fuhrman. For more information please contact Penny Brown  
at 714-828-4668 or [LibraryPRB@aol.com](mailto:LibraryPRB@aol.com).
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## What's Read with League Reading Now?



Filled with illuminating anecdotes, data from the most recent studies, and stories from Joanne Lipman's own journey to the top of a male-dominated industry, **That's What She Said** shows why empowering women as true equals is an essential goal for women and men—and offers a roadmap for getting there.



From one of the most admired international leaders comes a timely, considered, and personal look at the history and current resurgence of fascism today and the virulent threat it poses to international freedom, prosperity, and peace.

**LWVNOC Current Officers and Directors**

**Officers**

President Frann Shermet  
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 Secretary Kristina Fruneaux  
 Treasurer Marilyn Buchi  
 Past President Jan Wagner

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 Barbara Orosz  
 Lois Smith

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 at Large Pearl Mann  
 Speakers Jodi Balma  
 Student Outreach Lyn Liby  
 Facebook Kristina Fruneaux

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 Lunch w/ League Lois Smith  
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 Sue Fisher  
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 Carol Bittle



**LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of NORTH ORANGE COUNTY  
 Membership Form 2018 - 2019**

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	Free	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 <b>LWVNOC</b> .) 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 am not able to participate in League events but wish to support the work of the League by renewing my membership or by making a donation. 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**League of Women Voters**

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