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A Message from our President

by Pearl Mann, President LWVNOC

Dear LWVNOC Members:

I am honored to serve as your President for the 2019-2021 term and look forward to working with all of you to make democracy work. Our program focus for the past two years has been Voting Rights, Education, Homelessness and Affordable Housing, and Civil Discourse. While these continue to be important issues, we will make some changes at our strategic planning session in August. I invite all members to participate in that process.

My heartfelt thank you to our tireless, tenacious volunteers who inspire me every day. But LWVNOC can always use more help in expanding our mission to educate and empower voters and in improving our government at all levels. Your assistance is needed to advocate for needed reforms or to provide election information, candidate forums, voter registration, and observers at city council and county supervisor meetings. I encourage and challenge every member to contribute in some way. Share your ideas to further our mission!



Pearl Mann, Pres. LWVNOC

News from the LWV InterLeague Organization (ILO)

Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters for Orange County, will be making a presentation for all three Orange County Leagues about the new vote centers that have been approved by the Board of Supervisors. Vote centers will replace voting precincts starting in 2020. This training will allow League members to begin informing residents about their voting options and to help explain how voting will be easier and more convenient. Neal is always a knowledgeable and engaging speaker, so mark your calendars and plan to attend on Monday, July 15, 2019 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sisters of St. Joseph Auditorium, 480 S. Batavia St. Orange, CA 92868. **Then when Voter Services asks for volunteers, you can help spread this important information.**

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The *Protecting American Votes and Elections Act* Mandates Paper Ballots and Risk-Limiting Audits in All Federal Elections

May 15, 2019

Washington, D.C. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and 14 Senate co-sponsors today introduced an expanded version of his bill to protect American elections from foreign interference by mandating hand-marked paper ballots and setting new cybersecurity standards for all federal elections. The bill provides the strongest protection for American elections of any proposal currently before Congress.

The PAVE Act requires paper ballots and statistically rigorous “risk-limiting” audits for all federal elections – two measures [recommended by experts](#) in a National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine 2018 report on election security. Read a summary of the bill [here](#).

“The Russian government interfered in American elections in 2016, and if we don't stop them, they and other governments are going to do it again. The administration refuses to do what it takes to protect our democracy, so Congress has to step up. Our bill will give voters the confidence they need that our elections are secure,” Wyden said. “The PAVE Act scraps insecure voting machines that are juicy targets for hackers and replaces them with reliable, secure hand-marked paper ballots. It gives states the funding they need to defend their election systems and puts the Department of Homeland Security in charge of setting strong security standards for every federal election.”

News of the Week from LWVUS

- Cecile Scoon, first vice president of the League of Women Voters of Florida and civil rights lawyer in Panama City, denounced the Florida legislature for flouting the will of voters to restore voting rights for former felons in an [opinion piece for the *Washington Post*](#). Scoon calls out the the legislature's "afroint to the democratic process," and indicates that the League is working hard to right this wrong.
- A judge ruled in favor of affordable housing in Los Angeles, on [a case which LWV Los Angeles joined as amicus](#). The tentative ruling is an important step in protecting affordable housing for vulnerable communities in Los Angeles.
- LWVWI executive director Erin Grunze [penned an op-ed](#) in which she addresses the reasons why the Wisconsin Legislature's extraordinary lame-duck session goes against the will of voters. LWVWI is one of the plaintiffs challenging the constitutionality of the 2018 extraordinary session.

Lunch with the ILO by Marge Imbler

LWVNOC is very pleased to be hosting the ILO (Inter-League Organization) for their annual meeting. It is open to everyone and gives all of us the chance to interact with fellow League women and men from all over Orange County. This will be the 50th annual ILO convention. Join us at Coyote Hills Golf Course, 1440 Bastanchury Rd. in Fullerton on **Friday, June 14**, from **10:30 - 2:00 pm**.

The cost for our luncheons has increased to \$22.00 starting with this convention. For this event you may pay by check or cash only.

“You Might Not Be Interested in Politics, but Politics is interested in You.” Betty Valencia, our guest speaker, will be speaking about this very interesting idea. Ms. Valencia is vice president of operations, business and finance for a firm in Orange County. She earned a bachelor’s degree in speech communication from CSUF and a master’s degree in organizational communication with a minor in business administration from New Mexico State University. She is currently in the third year of a doctoral program in leadership studies in the Education Department at Chapman University. Betty has done volunteer work for several decades in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and here in Orange County.

Ms. Valencia is married to her longtime partner, Laura. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, mural work, music, gardening, media arts, and spending time with her family.

Reservations:

Email us at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org prior to 10:00AM on Tuesday, June 11. Calls can also be made to 714-254-7440

Guidelines:

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



Betty Valencia



Coyote Hills Golf Course, 1440 Bastanchury Rd. in Fullerton



A Walk in the Park, 2005 by Jim Hill

Tragedy and disaster are as far removed from this quiet, foggy morning in suburbia as figments of a nightmare are from morning coffee. Yet across the country at this moment residents of New Orleans are engaged in a struggle for survival in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. On the other side of the globe in Iraq, hundreds perished yesterday when panic over rumors of a terrorist bomber gripped a crowd of pilgrims on a bridge in Baghdad. On the other side of the Pacific Ocean, far from my morning walk, survivors of the massive tsunami in Indonesia still struggle to put their lives back together.

Here are only the tentative chirping of early birds getting their worms and the droning mowers and blowers of gardeners dutifully completing their rounds. Complacency is such a comfort here in the land of earthquakes, fires, and drought, yet in reality the only thing between me and catastrophe is good luck and time. Succinctly stated, no one gets out of life alive; consequently, we should all spend some of our energy when times are good preparing for times when things will be not so good.

I'm reminded of an evening years ago in my sometimes misspent youth when a friend and I, under the influence of a controlled substance, went to a coffee shop, ordered ice cream and sat and talked. One peculiar effect of the drug we had taken was that time itself seemed to stop dead whenever you were paying attention and accelerated like a roller coaster whenever you didn't. It seemed that if you paid attention, life was infinite, and if you didn't, it flitted away into oblivion in an instant. What actors call "being in the moment" was our only handhold on time.

That night so long ago seems as real to me as this idyllic park in the fog. We normally live not only in the present moment, but in the past as well. Only the future is unknown, and that's a good thing since some of it will inevitably encompass many of our worst fears.

At my stage in life, with one foot still in my productive years and the other already into retirement, I think more about the inevitability of heartache and the end of our days that approaches us all. Obviously, preparation for the bad times includes storing up supplies and making plans for various unpleasant contingencies, but even more important is building the character and courage to face it all. Waiting until trouble has already arrived before mustering up a stalwart soul in oneself is not a good plan. That's a well that needs to be dug way before you get thirsty.

LWVNOC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, June 14, 2019 10:30-2:00	Coyote Hills Golf Course 1440 Bastanchury Road Fullerton, CA	50th Annual ILO Convention. Guest Speaker: Betty Valencia "You Might Not Be Interested in Politics, but Politics is Interested in You". Cost is \$22, including lunch and speaker. Please make reservations by June 11. Contact Lois Smith at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org or (713)254-7440. A reservation made is a reservation paid! Click here for details.
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 10:00am	North Orange County ROP 385 N. Muller St. Anaheim	Board Meeting. All members are welcome. We will be in the Multi-Purpose Room.
Monday, July 8, 2019 12:30pm	Hosted by Barbara Dunsheath	Unbirthday Party.
Tuesday, August 13, 2019 1:00pm	Hosted by Frann Shermet	Read with League. "Reporter: A Memoir" by Seymour M. Hersh.



Coyote Hills Country Club

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**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 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 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: _____