



April Units — Making Ends Meet: How Can We Help?

It is a national disgrace that so many American children are homeless, hungry and living in poverty in a country with **the world's largest economy.** America's



child poverty rate is one of the highest among industrialized nations. The U.S. ranks 28th out of 29 developed countries surveyed in terms of relative child poverty, placing it between Latvia and Romania, according to a report by UNICEF. But these children do not exist on their own. They are part of approximately 46 million people living in poverty in the U.S. Another 106 million live on incomes below twice the poverty line (less than \$38,000 for a family of three), well below what is required for self-sufficiency.

The nine April League Units will take a look at real families today struggling to make ends meet here in San Diego, uncover myths, and after reading examples of those in deep poverty deepen our understanding of to-

day's causes and effects of poverty. With this informed starting point, we hope to engage the local League in an ongoing effort to identify ways to change public

policy that will help families overcome the obstacles to economic improvement. It should be a lively discussion and we need your participation and ideas.

Suggested reading:

Stephanie Mencimer: "What If Everything You Knew About Poverty Was Wrong?" *Mother Jones Magazine*, March, April 2014 (you can Google it)

Peter Edelman: ***So Rich, So Poor: Why It's So Hard to End Poverty in America.*** New York. New Press, 2013.

*Marjie Larson, Chair, and Committee:
Joni Halpern, Judy Radke, Penny Adler, Sandra Holding,
Nancy Witt, Jeanne Brown*

2015 League of Women Voters Convention Fact Sheet

1. Any member of the League may register and attend the Convention on May 15-17 held at the Westin Hotel in Horton Plaza. Members may register at <https://lwvc.wordpress.com/2015-registration/>. The complete schedule is available online.

2. The registration fee of \$375 includes the dinner on Saturday night, May 16 and the luncheon on Sunday, May 17. The deadline for early registration is April 15.

3. Registration is also available for \$100 per day on



either Friday or Saturday, excluding dinner on Saturday night. Registration on Sunday is \$125 and includes the luncheon.

4. San Diego League members may attend the dinner on Friday night, May 15. We are hosting the dinner and the speaker is Stacy Fullhorst, Executive Director of the City of

San Diego Ethics Commission. The dinner will be held at Bucca di Beppo at the corner of Market and 6th. The cost is \$60. (see flyer)

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April Units ~ Poverty

Fri, Apr 10 9:30-11:30 am	East County	El Cajon Library, Conference Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline.619-448-6270
Fri, Apr 10 1:30-3:30 pm	College/Rolando	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Ann McDonald....619-464-1937 Pearline Hayes....619 582-2296
Sat, Apr 11 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744
Mon, Apr 13 9:30-11:30 am	Rancho Bernardo & Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 858-487-1197 12751 Gateway Park Road, Poway 92064	Claire Weiner.....858-679-7350 Betsy Stevens.....858-451-5653
Mon, Apr 13 1:30-3:30 pm	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122	Mariette Kobrak...858 450-1521 Catherine Stoll...858-755-4119
Tues, Apr 14 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	La Jolla Community Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	Terri Prevost.....619-384-3062 Alice McCauley....858-642-1856
Wed, Apr 15 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	Carole Porter.....858-279-5474
Wed, Apr 15 5:30-7:30 pm	Mission Valley	Mission Valley Library, Meeting Room A Fenton Pkwy, near Ikea, San Diego 92108	Debra Blum.....619-225-0353
Thurs, Apr 16 10 am-noon	Ocean Beach/ Point Loma	Point Loma Library 3701 Voltaire St, Point Loma (SD) 92107	Nancy Witt.....619-222-7230 Shirley Walkoe....619-223-6314

LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ April

Mon	Apr 6	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Tues	Apr 7	5 pm	LWVSD Board Meeting, Board Room, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Thurs	Apr 9	9:30 am	Unit Council, 3rd Floor Board Room, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	Apr 10	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Wed	Apr 15	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd, SD 92111, 305
Fri	Apr 17	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111

LWVSD Activities ~ April

Sun	Apr 19	10 am-5pm	Earth Day, Balboa Park , http://www.earthdayweb.org/EarthFair.html Jeanne Brown, jhisten.brown@gmail.com is coordinating and looking for volunteers, p 9
Fri	Apr 24	8-11 am	Legislative Breakfast: Quality Early Childhood Education, flyer
Wed	Apr 29	4-6:30 pm	SEEE Seminar Series and SDSU: Next Generation Science Standards, flyer

Save the Dates ~ Mark Your Calendars

May 15-17	LWVC Convention in San Diego! Convention site: https://lwvc.wordpress.com/
Sat, June 6	LWVSD Annual Meeting, 10 am
Sat, June 13	LWVSDC (ILO) - County League Council
Fri, Aug 28	LWVSDC - ILO Day

Also see <http://lwvsandiego.org/calendar.html> for updates

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Membership

It seems that there are lots of changes in our membership every month. Carol Ann Lowe (92110) just joined. Her mother, Jean Lowder, gave her the membership - what a great idea!

Louise Arnold is moving to San Francisco after being active in LWVSD for many, many years. Louise was president of our League from 1991-93 and was chair of Natural Resources and Nominating over the years. She is also a 50-year member of the League. Her family gave a lovely reception for her and her sister, Marybeth Clark, a past League member who will be remaining in San Diego. Please contact Beryl Flom if you want to reach Louise - her contacts are currently in flux.



Joan Dahlin, Mariette Kobrak, Sylvia Hampton, Ann Marie Kaukonen, Ruth Ann Hagaman, and Louise Arnold (seated)

Sandy Cavanagh passed away on March 1. She was very active in the East County League, especially in arranging candidate forums for many contests each election season - candidates never turned her down. Sandy also served

on the ILO (County League) Board for many years doing meeting arrangements. Anita Reith wrote, "What a fine Leaguer she was! Officer, committee member, and membership promoter of the Grossmont-Cajon Valley League (before and after it became the East San Diego County League)...One of her many opinions was that League members were special, special in their ability to organize and share information.

Another of her loves was birding - she and Eddie Cisco would go birding on a regular basis and at the drop of a hat. The animals at the zoo were another of her loves." We will all miss Sandy and her cheery outlook on life!



Mary Jean Word passed away on February 28. She was a 50-year member and long-time leader in the City League

(LWVSD) including co-president in 2011-12, Finance chair, Voter Service chair, Nominating chair twice, Governmental Studies chair, City Government Update Study chair, and SANDAG observer for the ILO. She did a careful analysis of the LWVSD's finances and convinced us to move to a more economical office and to work without an office assistant; it has made a huge difference to our bottom line. Mary Jean was very organized and planned things out carefully, including her own memorial service. She majored in music and library science and worked as a teacher and librarian while doing all this work for the League. They have two pianos at home and Mary Jean was the choir director in churches where Bill was the pastor.



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5. The San Diego League is eligible to have eight delegates and the following are our delegates.

- Mary Hanson, Board Member, Treasurer;
- Amanda Berg, Board Member, Voter Service Director;
- Sue Rogers, Unit Chair;
- Bev Wilson, Chair of Committee on Death with Dignity
- Carol Porter, Board Member, Unit Coordinator
- Terri Prevost, Unit Chair
- Penny Adler, Board Member, Education Director
- Jody Tadder, Board Member, Finance Director

6. Volunteers may volunteer for one day and then attend sessions that do not conflict with their volunteer assignment without being registered.

7. You may sign up to be a volunteer by contacting Cris Hagaman at hagamanfamily@gmail.com.

Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the three days of the convention.

8. A special Voter Service Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, May 14 from 1-5 pm at the hotel. Members may attend for a \$30 fee. It is not a part of the Convention Registration.

9. Our League is sponsoring an Immigration Tour to the border on Thursday, May 14. The tour will assem-

ble at the Westin Hotel at 9 am and return at 5:30 pm. You must be registered for the Convention to attend. The cost is \$100. (see page 7)

10. Our own Anne Hoiberg is conducting two tours of the Gaslamp District, featuring Women of the Gaslamp, on Friday from 12–2 pm during the break for lunch; the two tours will be repeated on Saturday. The cost is \$10. (see page 7)

11. The Smart Voter Dinner on Thursday evening, May 14 will be held at the Westin Hotel (Convention hotel) and the cost is \$75. The speaker is Michael Vu, Registrar of Voters, San Diego County.

12. Our League will have a table in the Marketplace with wares to sell. Volunteers will be needed to staff the hours it is to be open.

13. Our League is also hosting a concierge's desk during open hours and volunteers will be needed.

14. Parking at the hotel or in Horton Plaza will be expensive. You are encouraged to travel by trolley if possible. You may park at trolley stops free and hop on the trolley. Exit the trolley at the City Hall stop.

15. Cheaper parking is also available at the corner of First and G streets; walk across the street, go up the **elevator at Nordstrom's and walk to the end of the** mall where the Westin Hotel is located. There is also another surface lot that is usually \$8 per day at 2nd and J Streets; the walk is 4 blocks to the hotel.



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She and Bill loved to travel and went all over the U.S. and the world and lived overseas for a while. Jonnie Stahl wrote, "I was very fond of Mary Jean, with her modern, liberal ideas perched on her Midwestern roots."

Donations in Memory of League Friends

Many times when Leaguers die, others want to remember them by making a contribution to the League of Women Voters of San Diego or to the LWVSD Education Fund. We welcome your thoughtfulness.

Beryl Flom, Membership Chair, 858-459-4406, edflom@sbcglobal.net



Friday Night Event: Dinner at the Gaslamp Quarter's Buca di Beppo

Guest Speaker ~ Stacey Fulhorst
Executive Director of the City of
San Diego Ethics Commission

Buca di Beppo Italian Restaurant
Friday, May 15, 2015
6:15 pm to 8:30 pm
\$60 per person



Stacey Fulhorst is the executive director of the City of San Diego Ethics **Commission, which administers the city's campaign, lobbying, and ethics** laws. Ms. Fulhorst, a San Diego native, was the commission's first **investigator in 2002 and has served as the commission's executive director since 2003.** Her goal is to ensure that public servants put the public first. Under her leadership, the ethics commission has dramatically increased efforts to educate candidates, officials and lobbyists on all applicable laws; process and investigate complaints; audit campaign committees; litigate violations and negotiate settlements; and update ethics laws when necessary.

Ms. Fulhorst has stated, "The city cannot afford not to have an ethics **commission if it hopes to reinforce the public's trust in local government.**" **No matter how well one's** city addresses ethical issues, Ms. Fulhorst is sure to provide insight into the most efficient and effective methods to promote a culture of ethics in municipal government.

Seating for this event is limited; to avoid double payment, please use this form or Paypal ONLY IF you have not registered with your Convention registration.

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LWVSD Convention Dinner ~ May 15, 2015 ~ Ethics in Government

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or register on our website with Paypal www.lwvsandiego.org/

Click on 'donate' button, 'amount' \$60, 'purpose' convention dinner



The Deportation Dilemma - Tour to Tijuana

The LWVSD is hosting a tour for LWVC Convention delegates to Tijuana on Thursday, May 14. The cut-off for delegates to register for this tour is April 15. After that date, we will fill the buses with people on the waiting list. If you would like to be on the waiting list and you have a valid passport that does not expire before November 15, 2015, please contact Beryl Flom (858-459-4406 or edflom@sbcglobal.net).



The tour will start at 9 am at the Westin Hotel in Horton Plaza. An attorney from Casa Cornelia will speak about their work in defending children and families seeking asylum. We will then travel by bus to Friendship Park, west of Tijuana city, for a brief stop and look at the wall. By late morning, we will be at COLEF (College of the Northern Border) for a presentation by a researcher there working on immigration. The next stop will be the American Consulate in Tijuana where we will have a Mexican lunch, network with agencies working with people who have been deported, and hear from the Consulate General and Border Patrol. The final stop will be a shelter called Casa del Migrante and we will interact with people who have recently been deported. Bus leaders are Ev Meade from the Transborder Institute at USD and Mar Cardenas who works to reunite deportees with their families. We expect to be back at the Westin Hotel at 5:30 p.m.

The cost is \$100 for the day including lunch, snacks, drinks and a tour packet. Please do not send money until you are confirmed as a participant.



Women of the Gaslamp Quarter Historic Walking Tour Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16

Tours begin at 12 noon and 1 pm

Led by Anne Hoiberg, President of the Women's Museum of California
and Past President of LWV San Diego

What was the spirit of San Diego 100 years ago and
what roles did women play in its progress?



Observers Needed

The League of Women Voters wants to expand the number of boards and commissions which we monitor and observe. Specifically, we are interested in the following boards and commissions:

- San Diego Planning Commission
- San Diego Ethics Commission
- San Diego Unified School District
- SANDAG (Nan Valerio monitors the agendas now but does not currently do written reports)

Currently, Cathy O’Leary-Carey and Sue Rogers monitor waterfront activities including Port Commission and Coastal Commission meetings.

An Observer is a member of the League who attends a governmental meeting, takes notes on what happens and submits a written report back to the League Public Policy Committee. Generally, the Observer does not testify or comment on items being considered. Before a League member can formally monitor a board or commission, she (or he) should read an article on what being a League Observer involves. A link to this article is at <http://lwv.org/content/36-observer-corps>.

The good news is that an Observer does not necessarily need to attend the meetings in person. Except for the Ethics Commission and Metropolitan Transit System, meetings of all of these boards and commissions are available online at their respective websites and can be viewed at any time. (SANDAG meeting archives have audio only, no video). All websites also include agendas and minutes.

These boards and commissions meet at the following



regular times and locations:

- San Diego City Council – Monday 2 pm, Tuesday 10 am, 202 C St, Council Chambers, 12th Floor;
- San Diego Planning Commission – Thursday 9 am. 202 C Street, Council Chambers, 12th Floor;
- San Diego Ethics Commission – 2nd Thursday of each month, 5 pm. 202 C Street, Council Committee Room, 12th Floor;
- San Diego Unified School District – Meetings are at the Eugene Brucker Education Center Auditorium, 4100 Normal Street. The meeting schedule for the first six months of 2015 may be found at <http://www.sandi.net/cms/lib/CA01001235/Centricity/Domain/458/BOARD%20ADOPTED%20REVISED%20Jan-Jun%202015%20Schedule%20of%20Public%20Meetings.pdf>;
- San Diego Unified School District – The meeting schedule for the second six months of 2015 may be found at <http://www.sandi.net/cms/lib/CA01001235/Centricity/Domain/458/Board%20Adopted%202015%20July%20through%20December%20Schedule%20of%20Public%20Meetings.pdf>;
- SANDAG – 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 9 am. Meetings are held at the SANDAG offices, 401 B Street, Board Room, 7th Floor;

If you are interested in serving as an Observer, please email me at mpomeroy@san.rr.com and let me know which board or commission you are interested in.

Myles Pomeroy, Chair, Public Policy Committee

Watch your mail for a chance to win in the
LWV of San Diego County’s “Opportunity Drawing.”



Earth Day 2015

Join us at the San Diego Earth Fair event at Balboa Park on Sunday, April 19 from 10 am –5 pm.

<http://www.earthdayweb.org/EarthFair.html>

Jeanne Brown jhisten.brown@gmail.com of LWV San Diego will coordinate a League exhibition at this event. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the table. Join in the fun!

Jeanne Brown, Vice-president



Jeanne Brown
Josan Feathers
Jill Elsner
Joan Eisenhower



In 1995, I led a delegation of 17 (and one man) from the United Nations Association-USA San Diego to participate in the U.N.-convened Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, joining 40,000 members of thousands of other nongovernmental organizations. At the conference's conclusion, government delegates from 189 countries unanimously signed the Beijing Platform for Action (PFA), a blueprint of actions in twelve critical areas of concern to be implemented by each of the 189 countries. The Clinton Administration immediately mandated that all federal departments and agencies would initiate the agreed-upon actions throughout the United States, a commitment to the women of America.

Twenty years later, from March 9 through March 20, government delegates and 8,500 representatives from nongovernmental organizations met at U.N. headquarters in New York City to assess the progress made in implementing the PFA since 1995. One of the goals in the critical area of concern of political participation was

The League of Women Voters at the United Nations

to achieve a target of 30 percent women's representation in all parliaments and congresses by 2015. On March 13 the League of Women Voters-US cosponsored a session at the U.N: **"The World Can't Afford to Wait Until the Next Century to Have Equal Participation in Parliaments and Government."**

Results reported by the Inter-Parliamentary Union showed that women's representation was 11.3 percent in 1995 and 22.1 percent in 2015. Of the 189 countries, only 41 nations have achieved 30 percent or more representation in their national governments as of January 2015. The United States ranked 73rd throughout the world with 19.3 percent in women's representation in the U.S. House of Representatives and 20 percent in the U.S. Senate. The goal now is to achieve 50 percent by 2030! As the LWV-US panel emphasized, the world can't afford to wait until 2100 for equal political participation. We must encourage our members and other women to run for political office! NOW!

Anne Hoiberg, Chair, International Relations Committee



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