



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
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MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

# VOTER

September 2016

## THE NOVEMBER BALLOT IS OVERWHELMING!

- ◆ *Where can I get more of the real facts about all the ballot measures?*
- ◆ *I need to meet the candidates.*
- ◆ *I don't have a lot of time to read all the information sent to me.*
- ◆ *I need HELP!*



The League of Women Voters has several events planned to respond to these concerns. We hope you will join us at each one and bring a friend. *All events are open to the public.*

### LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant

**11:30 am-1:30 pm**

**Thursday, September 22**

Topic: Ballot measure pros/cons;  
SANDAG tax initiative

**Thursday, October 20**

Topic: Stadium initiative featuring  
Fred Maas, Special Advisor to the Chargers

Reservations are required; cost is \$30.

Sign up at <http://www.lwvsandiego.org>.

### GENERAL MEETINGS

**Wednesday, September 28, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library

Topic: Pros & Cons of Prop 64: Marijuana Initiative

**Saturday, October 8, 10 am-12 noon**

Mission Valley Library

Topic: Pros and Cons of the 17 state ballot  
measures presented by Mary Thompson from the  
North County League with Q & A to follow.

**Saturday, October 15, 10 am-12 noon**

Mission Valley Library

Topic: Pros and Cons of the local and  
county ballot measures.

Refreshments will be available.

### MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT

Downtown Library

**Thursday, October 13 from 6-8 pm.**

Attendees will have an opportunity  
to hear briefly from candidates for  
city and county government, school district,  
and community college offices  
with time to speak directly with candidates.

Refreshments will be available.

### SIPS AND CIVILITY EVENT

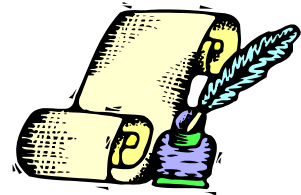
Downtown Library

**Wednesday, October 12 from 6-8 pm.**

Topic: Pros and Cons of local, county,  
and state ballot measures.

Attendees will have an opportunity to move  
around the room to hear about the many initia-  
tives. Beer, wine and snacks will be available.

## President's Message



Holding the office of President of the LWV of San Diego has been an honor that I feel almost every day. But never more than during this time of the year when ballot issues are coming before us and advocates are asking for our support. To see how much our guidance is appreciated and respected is really very humbling. It also reminds me how careful we need to be to keep that respect. Keeping our non-partisan stance while advocating on certain ballot issues sometimes can be confusing for Leaguers and non-Leaguers alike. Yet it is one of the foundations of the League that our community expects from us, so we will deliver.

During a very contentious presidential race and an avalanche of ballot issues to deal with, voters will be looking for our assistance even more than usual. This year may be a record, at least in recent years, of the numbers of "Prop talks" and Candidate Forums we will be putting on. We are extending ourselves to a point where Board members have looked at each other and asked, "Can we do all of this?" And we agreed that we can and we will.

Many of the events that we are preparing to ready our community for this election will be listed in this Voter and then more in October's. We will also have some of the presentations on our League Calendar on our website [www.lwvsandiego.org](http://www.lwvsandiego.org).

Be sure to attend one or more of these events to help all of us become informed voters!

Yours In League,

*Jeanne Brown*

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**Did you know that LWV members no longer have to be citizens and can be members as young as 16?** That was one of the changes voted in at this summer's convention! This opens the League up to a lot more potential members. Something to think about.

## LWVSD Unit Meetings

Thur, Sep 15 10 am	Scripps Ranch	Tamara Hurley on Education Funding — Contact Emily Dresslar at <a href="mailto:Scripps-LWV@gmail.com">Scripps-LWV@gmail.com</a> / 858.848.9084 for RSVP & location	
Mon, Sep 19 10 am-noon	College/Rolando	College Rolando Library, Seminar Room B 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Ann McDonald....619-464-1937 Pearline Hayes....619 582-2296

## LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ September

Tues	Sep 6	5:30 pm	LWVSD Board, 3rd floor Board Room, 7710 Balboa Avenue, SD
Fri	Sep 9	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, 3rd floor Board Room, 7710 Balboa Avenue, SD
Fri	Sep 9	12 noon	Natural Resources Committee. League Office, 7710 Balboa Avenue, SD, Suite 224A
Wed	Sep 14	2-4 pm	Transition Team, North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Dr, SD
Fri	Sep 16	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Avenue, SD, Suite 224A
Sat	Sep 17	12 noon	Voter Service Committee, Margaret Stevenson's Home
Wed	Sep 21	9:30 am	Education Committee, San Diego County Office of Education, rm 307
Mon	Sep 26	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Avenue, SD, Suite 224A

## LWVSD Activities ~ September ~ Mark your Calendars!

Thurs	Sep 22	11:30 am	LWVSD Luncheon, Tom Ham's, 2150 Harbor Island Dr, San Diego CA 92101
Wed	Sep 28	6-7:30 pm	Pro/con forum on the Marijuana Initiative at the Scripps Ranch Library.

## LWVSD Activities ~ October ~ Save the Dates

See the front page for some very special events and watch for more in the October Voter.

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



### Special Note! Speakers Bureau Briefing

**Wednesday, August 31, 9 am, Margaret Stevenson's home.**

Lunch will be provided should the meeting run long, as it is expected to.

The final, illustrated version of the 2015 study of **Agriculture in San Diego County** is now on our website. The report includes our new position based on this study, under Recommendations for Action.



This link: [http://lwvsandiego.org/files/2015\\_Agricultural\\_Study\\_Final\\_report.pdf](http://lwvsandiego.org/files/2015_Agricultural_Study_Final_report.pdf) will take you directly to the report.

## Membership



Membership renewals are almost complete and we will be printing a new Yearbook with the membership list at the end of this month. Those that have not responded will be dropped from our list at that time. This happens every year but in 2015-16, we regained as many as we dropped and it looks like that will happen again in 2016-17. Elections always help boost membership in the LWV. Please welcome our new members who joined in July/August:

**Cheryl Bayley.....91915**

**John Garapich....92117**

**Susy Reeves.....92101**

**Tony Riesner.....92122**

**Chris Straton.....92122**

For those of you who have been members for a long time, **Pat Richardson** died on August 9 in Alabama where she and her husband, Rich, moved about eight years ago. Pat was one of the pillars of LWVSD and LWV of San Diego County. She served as president of both Leagues, treasurer, secretary, and held several directorships. She and Sylvia Hampton were largely responsible for several fundraising dinners held over the years plus the 75th Anniversary Gala held at the Prado. Pat and Rich also did the public relations - Rich is an artist and did the graphics for us when it was an emerging field of expertise. Sylvia writes, "Pat was a cheerful, hard-working Leaguer who could be counted on to do the job and do it well. She organized the demonstration we had at the county admin center for the LWV 75th anniversary."



*Beryl Flom*, Membership Chair, [edflom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edflom@sbcglobal.net), 858-459-4406.

**Volunteers Needed!**



**Get the facts before you vote.**

The Voter's Edge team is an ideal volunteer opportunity for people who want to make a truly meaningful contribution to the democratic process, but who find it difficult to attend committee meetings. All of the training--and the actual tasks, too!--can be done remotely. Many of the tasks can be done at odd hours, too.

Voter's Edge (<http://votersedge.org>) is a joint project of the League of Women Voters and MapLight, a non-profit dedicated to showing where the money comes from to support candidates and measures.

It has never been more important to provide unbiased, non-partisan tools to inform the public about their choices. San Diego County Registrar of Voters Michael Vu has announced that the November 8 ballot will be so long and complicated that it will require an unprecedented TWO CARDS!

If you can spare one or two hours per week during September and October for this important work, we'd love to welcome you to the team! Please contact *Julie Ann Sih* at [ca-sd@votersedge.org](mailto:ca-sd@votersedge.org) or 858-444-6761 for more information.

## Natural Resources



Got water? Power? Beaches? Are you concerned about them?

The Natural Resources Committee is responsible for following issues related to water, energy, waste, pollution, agriculture, and climate change. We monitor agencies responsible for managing these resources, and alert the LWVSD Board and members when issues come up that League positions would cause us to support or oppose. If you're interested in a particular issue, or environmental wellness generally, we'd love to have you join us.

Meetings are at noon on the second Friday of each month in the LWVSD office and open to anyone interested. If you'd like to discuss your interests, you can reach me by email via our website at [lwvsandiego.org/Contact Us](http://lwvsandiego.org/ContactUs).

Thank you!

*Peg Engel*, Natural Resources Chair

## Title IX – Thanks to Courageous Women

Does anyone remember that in 1972, as part of the United States Education Amendments, women (including the LWV) worked diligently to bring about this education amendment which would allow everyone to receive an equal education? The passage by the US Congress meant a big change in athletic education, making funding equal for men and women.



the USA total. The number of athletes at this year's 2016 Olympics from the USA are : women – 292, and men 263.

It became in our vernacular just "Title 9. It reads, "no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Each Olympic year since, more women athletes have participated and have contributed more medals to

**U.S. women took home 27 gold medals, by far the most of any country's female contingent, and 61 medals total.**

As you enjoyed watching the US athletes in this year's Olympics, you saw strong and skilled US women favored to and winning THE more decorated half and to become the mightiest Olympic team ever. Federal funding has meant much in the rise of women's sports and in every facet of American life for women leaders. Thanks to those whose shoulders our athletes and leaders stand on.

*Jody Tadder*

MEDAL TRACKER		RIO 2016		
COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
USA	46	37	38	121

## Recollections of Establishing the League of Women Voters in El Cajon 1955-'57

This story begins when I was pregnant with Cherie and we were living on Mission Bay, San Diego. I joined the League of Women Voters of San Diego, shortly after we moved into our bayside apartment. Going to the monthly unit meetings in La Jolla was my escape from “Diapers, Dishes, and Douches” (to quote a member who became the LWV state President). Another member of that unit was Sherry Rees.

Lo and behold! Unbeknownst to me, when we moved into our first house on Morgan Way, in El Cajon, Sherry Rees and her husband Burt Rees had just moved into the house next to us on the cul-de-



sac. Sherry and I started going to the LWV unit in La Mesa, but we soon decided that there should be a unit of the LWV in El Cajon. She and I started out recruiting members in our own suburb — I would be pushing

Cherie in her baby buggy; Randy would be riding ahead on his small tricycle; Sherry would be carrying membership applications and information about the LWV.

It didn't take long for the news to spread in El Cajon that the LWV was seeking members for a new unit. To the best of my memory, someone referred me to Joey Ham who lived in an area to the west of us. Joey was a key recruiter; she introduced us to Audrey Cook and to Carolyn Pickering. Soon Elizabeth Worth, who seemed to know EVERYONE in El Cajon became a member; we grew quickly after she joined us. Another important founding member was Laura Price, who owned the book store in El Cajon. She put bulletins about our meetings up on

the bulletin board in her store. Soon the El Cajon Valley News heard about our efforts and Virginia Cassidy, the publisher's wife, joined us. We began to get publicity in the local paper.



We started meeting in each other's homes with our babies and toddlers all around us. I had been on the board of the LWV of San Diego so I sought advice from the current board as to the protocol of establishing a new unit. Soon we had an advisor from the San Diego LWV to help us.

Gradually it became obvious that we were more than a unit; we had a large enough nucleus to establish the El Cajon League of Women Voters. Audrey Cook was one of our first Presidents; she was a good organizer. Carolyn Pickering was our next President. By then, my family was on its way to New York City for my husband to study for his Doctorate at Columbia University. Sherry Rees kept me well informed on the growing size of the new LWV. Our members were mostly young women with an active interest in public affairs, anxious to use their brains and education on important issues facing the country, our state, and our young city.

I well remember the first time we sent a delegation to the state convention in Sacramento. I felt like we had made the “big time” when we began visiting our state's elected representatives to discuss state-wide issues and inform them of the positions that had been reached on them by consensus within the League of Women Voters of El Cajon.

*Frances Venn and LaRu De Kock*

May 2016



# LUNCH with the LEAGUE

## SANDAG's Half Cent Sales Tax Increase - Yay or Nay?



Thursday, September 22, 2016, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant, 2150 Harbor Drive, San Diego

\$30 by Monday, September 19 or \$35 at the door



### SPEAKERS

**Pro:** Molly Chase, Manager for the SANDAG Initiative Campaign



**Con:** Jana Clark, Member of the Cleveland National Forest Foundation and Instructor of Environmental Studies at De Anza College

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*THE HALF CENT SALES TAX INITIATIVE would raise the sales tax in San Diego County by ½ cent for 40 years. The tax increase would generate approximately \$18 billion over the 40 year period with the proceeds to be used for highways, road repair, transit, pedestrian and bicycle travel and open space preservation.*

### Lunch with the League: SANDAG November Ballot Measure, September 22, 2016

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed (\$30 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ by Sept 19. Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to 7710 Balboa Ave. 224A, San Diego CA 92117, 858-483-8696, or register on our website with Paypal [www.lwvsandiego.org](http://www.lwvsandiego.org) Click on 'donate' button, 'amount' \$30, 'purpose' September Luncheon.



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