

February 2017

Program Planning Meeting

This year's annual Program Planning Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 11 from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm at the Mission Valley Library. League members will help set the calendar for the year for our local League and for the next two years for the State League. New League members will find it a good opportunity for learning more about League.

Last month's announcement focused on state expectations; the local planning process will do the following:

- Look briefly at our local League Positions;
- Consider and act on the modified Positions from last year; and
- Identify any new updates of Positions, issues for emphasis, and any new studies.

One potential new study identified at the January Public Policy Committee Meeting will be considered on February 11. The general scope of the proposed study would involve researching potential solutions for housing with services for our homeless population. This issue is on the minds of many members because it directly or indirectly affects each of us. We would collaborate with local service organizations, religious groups and community services to determine what is currently being provided and determine how the LWVSD can take responsible action. We also envision researching successful approaches in other cities and states. This proposed study could develop into a new position on housing with Incorporated Services for the Homeless or an elaboration of our current Housing Position.

Kay Ragan, Program Director

February Luncheon: "Interrupting the Cradle to Prison Pipeline"

The February 23 luncheon topic comes from a growing concern about school suspensions. A recent NPR editorial reported that black children in preschools are already 3.6 times more likely to be suspended than white students. Most of us cannot imagine any pre-school child being suspended. Our luncheon speakers will focus on the San Diego Unified School District's social and emotional behavioral intervention programs to avoid suspensions and their Restorative Justice Program.

Julia Childs Andrews, President of the San Diego Association for the Education of Young Children (SDAEYC) and Senior Education Coordinator, Neighbor House Association, will speak about the extent of the problem of suspensions/expulsions in preschools.

Linda Trousdale, Executive Director of Student Services for the SDUSD, will discuss the restorative justice program in the school district, in high school and middle schools, and beginning in the elementary schools.

Priscilla Villafana, Behavior Support Specialist, Resource and Referral Department, YMCA Childcare Resource Service, will speak about her work with preschool children.

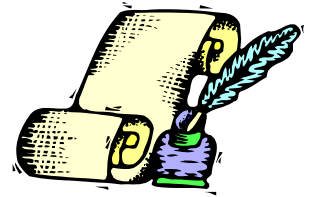
Following brief presentations by the speakers, attendees at each of the tables will be given the opportunity to discuss the questions provoked by the presenters. Penny Adler, LWVSD Chair of our Education Committee, will serve as moderator for the program.

SDAEYC, the San Diego County Child Care and Development Planning Council, and LWVSD North County are co-sponsors of the luncheon. Scholarships are available for those who would like to attend but are financially unable. See the flyer on page 5.

Kay Ragan, Program Director



President's Message



Hate. Fear. Anger. Pessimism. Powerlessness. Have you felt any of these over the last month or so? Many of us have and are still feeling a variety of these emotions day after day. We all know that negative feelings are not productive.

So how can we switch to positive feelings? Love, Optimism. Confidence. Empathy. Empowerment. It certainly isn't by wishing and hoping. It must be through Action.

Only through action will we feel empowered with optimism for the future. Our action must come from empathy, love and confidence that we can make a difference. But our action must also help bridge the gap between the right and the left. I worry that we are too often "preaching to the choir" for most of our

functions. From the results of this last election, we know that many parts of the country were not being listened to. I believe that the League has a responsibility to "weave together the human family out of anger into harmony" *. It will not be easy. We will have to open ourselves to listen to those "outside the choir." How do we reach out to them? Will they respond to us? This is where I think we should look to the research on Civility that North County San Diego League has been focusing on. Let's reach out to other communities; especially those we have not worked with in the past and see how we can make this country "a more perfect union." Let me know if you are interested.

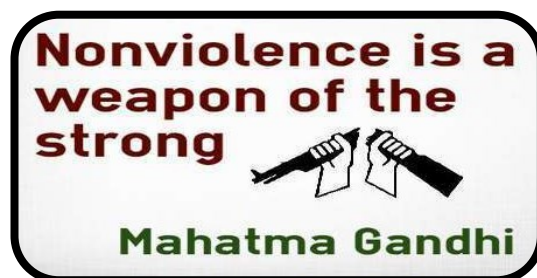
Planning action is what we will be doing at Program Planning this year. Learn more about it in the article on page one. Bring your idea; if you have friends who have been having the same negative feelings, see if they want to get involved as well.

Our Program Planning meeting is scheduled for February 11 at the Mission Valley Library. Want to look at our positions before the February 11th meeting? You can find them all on our website <http://www.lwvsandiego.org/Positions.html>.

Yours in League,

Jeanne

From "The Power of Nonviolence" on PBS.



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LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ February

Tue	Feb 7	5:30 pm	LWVSD Board, Board Room
Fri	Feb 10	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, Board Room
Fri	Feb 10	12:30 pm	Natural Resources Committee, League Office
Mon	Feb 13	10 am	Ambulance Study Committee, League Office
Wed	Feb 15	9:30 am	Education Committee, San Diego County Office of Education, rm 307
Thu	Feb 16	7:30 am	Immigration & Deportation Committee, Marie Callender's, 330 F Street, Chula Vista
Fri	Feb 17	10 am	Program Committee, League Office
Sat	Feb 18	12 noon	Voter Service Committee
Fri	Feb 24	9:30 am	Voter Assembly, League Office



LWVSD Activities ~ Mark your Calendars

Sat	Feb 4	9:30 am-4:00 pm	Leadership Academy Training Workshop, "Next Level Communications," 2110 Camino del Rio S, see flyer in January Voter or on our website
Sat	Feb 11	10 am-12:30 pm	Planning the League Way: Mission Valley Library, p 1
Thu	Feb 23	11:30-am-1:30	Lunch with the League, Tom Ham's, Cradle to Prison Pipeline, pp 1 & 5
Mon	Feb 27	6 pm	Sips & Civility, Central Public Library downtown, 9th floor, see below

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

The League office is 7710 Balboa Avenue, just east of the Balboa Ave/I-805 intersection. Meetings are held either in the League office in room 224A or in the board room on the third floor.

Sips and Civility, Monday, February 27 at 6 p.m. on the 9th floor of the downtown Central Public Library, will focus on immigration issues. If you have not attended one of these free very popular League meetings, you should try it out.



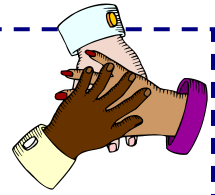
The first half hour is for socializing, trying various wines and beers, networking and snacking while you look over the city from the 9th floor. There will be a short presentation on immigration and refugee services followed by discussions led by people who have a DACA status and have been granted permission to stay and work or study on a temporary basis, refugees, and members of the LWVSD's Immigration and Deportation Committee who will try to dispel myths of immigration. Come learn and enjoy, share your ideas, and meet new people!

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

Have you heard that you can now put your fruit and vegetable scraps in your greens can if you have your trash hauled by the City of San Diego? We are working hard to get to 70% diversion this year, so please help out.

Beryl

Membership



Here I thought December would be a quiet month for new members joining the League, but we have several people to greet:

Maxine Donlon, 92101 Gail Mackler, 92107 Holly McCormick, 92037

Jenice Staniford, 92115 Genevieve and Michael Woods, 92081 Luciana Corrales, 92154

At the end of January, the local Leagues finalize their membership list for the year and send it to LWVUS. That is used as the official count for determining the number of convention delegates and setting the Per Member Payment (PMP) which we send to both LWVC and LWVUS quarterly.

Projects are brewing in the League - be sure to come to the Program Planning Meeting February to give your input for issues for emphasis (education and action) for the next 15 months.

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

Save the Date for this incredible experience!

May 22-28, 2017



The Capitol Building in the beautiful city of Havana, Cuba.

Mark your calendars: Registration is now open for the League's May 2017 Sisters Across the Straits® Delegation!

May 22-28, 2017

The League's Service to HOA's

For several years now, the LWVSD has counted ballots for some HOA's - we charge, use our volunteers, and raise income for the League. This year, Bev Wilson and Beryl Flom have done this for two large HOA's including preparing and mailing the ballots and collecting them as they are returned for counting. If you live in an HOA, you could suggest that the LWVSD provides this service at a relatively low bid.

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<http://thefloridavoter.org/travel-to-cuba/>



Lunch with the League

Thursday, February 23, 2017, 11:30 - 1:30

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant, 2150 Harbor Island Drive

Interrupting the Cradle to Prison Pipeline



- Impact of School Suspensions and Expulsions
- Social and Emotional Behavioral Intervention
- Restorative Justice Program

Moderator: Penny Adler, *Director of Education, LWVSD*

Speakers

- **Julia Childs Andrews**, *President, San Diego Association for the Education of Young Children (SDAEYC); Senior Education Coordinator, Neighborhood House Association*
- **Linda Trousdale**, *Executive Director of Student Services, San Diego USD*
- **Priscilla Villafana**, *Behavioral Support Specialist, Resource & Referral Department, YMCA Childcare Resource Service*

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Scholarships are available to attend the program; contact Penny Adler, dadler@ucsd.edu.

Lunch with the League: Cradle to Prison Pipeline, February 23, 2017

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