



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
SAN DIEGO COUNTY
INTER-LEAGUE ORGANIZATION**

The ILO represents the Leagues of
San Diego City and North County

Voter

Spring 2014

*League of Women Voters of San Diego County
Convention 2014*

Saturday, May 3, 2013

9:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

*New County Operations Center, the Chambers, Building 5520**

Host: County Supervisor Ron Roberts



Keynote Speaker: Michael Vu
County of San Diego
Registrar of Voters



Biennial Convention Business Includes

- ★ Honoring Outstanding League Leaders
- ★ Election of Officers/Directors for 2014-16
- ★ Approval of County League Program, Budget, Bylaws
- ★ Drawing for Winners of the ILO "Opportunity Drawing" Fundraiser

*For a large and detailed map, go to

http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/reusable_components/images/dgs/Documents/COC_Map.pdf

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Your \$25 LWVSDC 2104 Convention reservation includes registration and luncheon.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ League \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ # of reservations @\$25 ea \_\_\_\_\_

Send check made out to LWVSDC to Nancy Hand, Treasurer, 4545 Caminito San Sebastian, Del Mar CA 92014

**Deadline: April 29, 2014**

Contact Roni Seay for more information: [RoSeay@aol.com](mailto:RoSeay@aol.com) or 858-926-8800

# President's Message



Dear League Members in San Diego County,

You are warmly invited to County Convention 2014 as noted on page one. It will be a time for you to decide the future direction of County League, meet your friends, and listen to an outstanding speaker. We'll also honor two of our own special League Members. We are very pleased to be hosted by County Supervisor Ron Roberts, District 4, and we are delighted to **have Registrar of Voters Michael Vu as our keynote speaker. The Registrar's office has given us invaluable assistance in making LWV's Smart Voter successful.**

We finished the LWWUS Agriculture Update at a consensus meeting on March 15. The meeting was well attended by members of both the LWV San Diego and the LWV North County San Diego. I think that the Agriculture Committee is a good model for future studies because it represents the best efforts of members from both local Leagues working well together. It was a huge effort that was done more efficiently by pooling the talents of members from both Leagues rather than duplicating the study project by two different committees.

- League of Women Voters
- San Diego County ILO
- Board of Directors 7/12 - 6/14
- OFFICERS
- President.....Veronica Seay
- Secretary.....Ann Clark
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- Communications.....Peggy Dornish
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- Health.....Sylvia Hampton
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- LWVNC.....Mary Crowley (President)
- LWVSD.....Donna Bartlett-May, Kay Ragan
- .....(Co-Presidents)
- The ILO Board of Directors meets the first Friday of the month and all members are welcome to attend.

This is my last message as president of LWV of San Diego County. It has been a pleasure to serve as County League President because I have had the chance to work with some truly inspiring women. They all are knowledgeable and passionate about their special areas of expertise and have made me more aware of important countywide issues. If you want to join the County League Board or a study committee or work with the SmartVoter team, don't wait to be called, just contact any of the board members listed on this page. You will be welcomed into a group of dedicated members.

Hope to see you at the May 3 County League Convention.

All the best, Roni



## Earth Day

**Don't miss the world's largest annual environmental fair and Earth Day celebration for its 25th anniversary on Sunday, April 27, 2014 from 10 am – 5 pm in Balboa Park.**

**Volunteers are needed to plan and to staff our booth. Don't miss the fun!**

Contact Jeanne Brown at [jhisten.brown@gmail.com](mailto:jhisten.brown@gmail.com).

To contact ILO call Roni Seay at 858-926-8800 or [RoSeay@roadrunner.com](mailto:RoSeay@roadrunner.com)  
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## SmartVoter®

San Diego voters chose their new mayor and Solana Beach voters passed Prop. B in the consolidated special election in February. Now it's time for the regularly scheduled Statewide Primary on Tuesday, June 3. SmartVoter.org, the League's popular online election website, is ready to assist candidates and voters.

All certified candidates were invited to put their campaign messages on *Smart Voter* at no cost to them. They can include their priorities, biographical highlights, political philosophies, photos, lists of supporters, position papers and links to their campaign and social media sites. When voters pull up their personal ballots online, they learn more about candidates on their ballots before making their own informed choices.

Two state propositions are on *Smart Voter*, and informational links to local media articles are added to the site as they become available. The site provides useful information about the top-two primary system in CA.

Primary ballots include

- All California administrative officers;
- Congressional reps (Dist. 49, 50, 51, 52, 53);
- State Senate (Dist. 36, 38, 40);
- State Assembly (Dist. 71, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80);
- Judicial races when a sitting judge is challenged;

- Some County and San Diego City education contests;
- Board of Supervisors (Dist. 4, 5);
- Assessor/Recorder/Clerk; District Attorney;
- Sheriff;
- Treasurer/Tax Collector;
- Chula Vista City Attorney;
- Chula Vista City Council (Seats 1, 2);
- Chula Vista Mayor; and
- San Diego City Council (Dist. 2, 4, 6, 8).

The remaining cities and many special districts throughout San Diego County hold their local elections in November. The November ballot will also include any run-offs from the June primary.

**The Registrar's office promotes early voting by mail,** and the percentage in San Diego has risen to over 50%. Voter registration ends May 19, and early voting begins May 5. Many of our local League members contribute to **Smart Voter's** success. I thank all of you for your ongoing dedication to ensuring its usefulness during elections.

Joyce Joseph

Smart Voter Coordinator, San Diego County

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"People are more important than profits" TOMMY DOUGLAS

## THE HEALTHCARE MOVIE

a documentary by LAURIE SIMONS & TERRY STERRENBERG  
[www.healthcaremovie.net](http://www.healthcaremovie.net)



narrated by KIEFER SUTHERLAND

### SAN DIEGO EVENTS

Friday, April 11, 9:30 am  
 Demonstration for  
 Universal Healthcare

Friday, April 11, 3:30-5:30 pm  
 The Healthcare Movie

Saturday, April 12 3:30-5:30 pm  
 The Healthcare Movie

For locations, parking, etc., go to the LWVSDC website <http://sdcilo.ca.lwvnet.org/>



## Veterans Moving Forward: A New Veterans' Module in Vista, California

A brand new approach to the plight of homeless veterans returning from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and ending up in jail was initiated by the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs and is being rolled out by the San Diego Sheriff's Department with the support of Administrative Lieutenant Steven Wicklander. It includes a host of collaborative agencies and hard to believe: a host of volunteers. The module was only introduced November 1 here in San Diego, yet it is already showing all the markings of success: so far no recidivism and comparatively little cost. Neither veterans nor the sheriff's department can understand how it came about that both honorably and dishonorably discharged military personnel can enjoy the benefits of large screen TV's, a microwave oven, case management, all day classes, and snacks in their red, white and blue painted cell block, while living at the Vista Detention Center.

This is an incentive based program that adds benefits and is nothing like the normal jail routine that subtracts them. It is NOT bare bones until the jail term is finished, and the inmate normally leaves with little job training, few skills and often no place to sleep. In fact, even after the veteran inmates are discharged, they are helped to find jobs, places to live, and linked to physical and mental health services, alcohol, drug and PTSD treatment. They are also tracked for at least two years

to make sure they have transitioned smoothly into the outside world and don't end up back in jail.

This innovative and creative Veterans Moving Forward Program houses 32 U.S. military veterans out of a possible 270 in San Diego County jails. It has support from many sources besides the Sheriff's Department such as the local Veteran's Administration, County Parole, District Attorney's Office, local churches, veterans groups, retired teachers and many other volunteers, who provide practical classes in skills training, parenting and therapeutic ones in wellness, behavioral health, domestic violence and even yoga. It is completely voluntary, quite intensive, and the veterans like the fact that they are all in this cell block, brothers together.

Corporal Dean Hardy, a retired Marine who has volunteered for the program, says, "Our inmate welfare fund paid for a lot of the equipment. Most of the instructors are volunteers. You would be surprised at how many we have. In reality the veteran's program isn't really costing us very much."

It will be interesting to follow this VMF Program in the months ahead and continue to measure the results. Hopefully we could adapt its rehabilitative features to other prison populations.

~ Liz Kruidenier, Director, Behavioral Health




Please don't forget to enter our  
**Opportunity Drawing Fundraiser**  
*The drawing will be held at County Convention.*  
 Valuable prizes!  
 Help Support County League!

**You received a notice in the mail. If you can't find yours, call Roni at 858-926-8800**