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The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto

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at the spectacular

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Tuesday, August 29, 6:30 pm



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Light refreshments will be served.

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Message from our President

Our Annual Meeting was on May 23. Thanks to the many of you who came. We heard a delightful and insightful reflection from LWVPA member and Palo Alto Vice Mayor, Liz Kniss. You elected a dynamic board – which includes four new members: Aisha Piracha-Zakariya, David Springer, Lisa Peschcke-Koedt and Ellen Smith. We look forward to their special contributions. Going off board, but continuing with their portfolios are Mary Alice Thornton, who will chair the invaluable Fundraising Committee and manage League-a-Thon, and Liza Taft, who will continue in her excellent role organizing Voter Registration opportunities, distributing the VOTER around town, plus many other helpful and important tasks. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your board president for another year.



This coming year promises to be as challenging and as exciting as the past year.

Last November, we were all reminded of the importance of Making Democracy Work - and of the League's unique role in ensuring that we protect our democratic principles and that we can overcome the negative pressures on our rights to a good education, adequate housing, health care, due process for all, sustainable environment ... the list goes on. Many in our community recognized the special role of the League and became League members or attended our excellent and timely Speaker Events.

Our League has come of age in our community and we have the members to be able to serve. What will be your role?

Exiting news! At LWVC Convention, our League won a special "Strike While the Iron is Hot" Award for "demonstrating the depth and breadth of League work through a series of eight public forums, partnering with the local newspaper and promoting through diverse public partners." Special thanks to Maureen O'Kicki for envisioning and arranging these events. See page 3.

At Convention, your six LWVPA delegates enjoyed meeting other League leaders and members – and learning how they are reacting to the challenges and opportunities that we currently face. We attended numerous informative workshops and caucuses, heard inspiring speakers, debated and voted on by-laws changes, budget, new leadership, and the LWVC program for the next two years.

The recommended LWVC program that we voted on has no new studies, but includes the following three Issues for Emphasis for 2017-2019:

1. Making Democracy Work in California, with a focus on election reform, voting rights, expanding the electorate, and money in politics
2. Natural resources, including climate change, water, and land use/CEQA
3. Response to changing federal policies and budget actions that have an impact on California in areas such as health care, immigration, the environment, and tax reform.

To find out more about what occurred at Convention please go to LWVC website <https://lwvc.org> and click on Convention in the upper left.

When we return, the six of us will share with you our Convention enthusiasm, new knowledge and ideas to help make our active local League even more responsive to community needs in these broad and important areas.

Bonnie Packer

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Board Meeting Highlights April 2017

Your Board

- Approved the following delegates to the state convention, to be held June 1-4 in Sacramento: Collins, Forbes, Kalinsky, Packer, Peschcke-Koedt, and Ratner.
- Approved efforts of the National Voter Corps to seek collaboration with other Leagues and other organizations.

Discussed

- Applying for a LWV of California Visibility Award, with application to be drafted by Forbes.
- An effort initiated by the Beth Am Justice Committee and Bay Area Forward to form a Broad Based Organization (BBO) for community organizing in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties under the umbrella of the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF).
- Plans for the Annual Meeting, with the speaker to be Palo Alto Vice Mayor Liz Kniss; and honorary

presentations to be made to Phyllis Cassel, Nonette Hanko and Lanie Wheeler, recognizing 50-plus years of membership in the League and outstanding contributions to our community.



Learned about

- The meeting of the Sanctuary Committee, which discussed immigrant issues – including the Palo Alto Police Department’s policy vis-à-vis ICE (U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement) and possible collaboration with the ACLU.
- Voter registration drives for newly eligible voters held at Palo Alto and Gunn High Schools.
- Packer speaking at the City Council meeting regarding the League’s position on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s).

Karen Kalinsky, Secretary

Board Meeting Highlights May 2017

Your Board

- Welcomed new Board members Aisha Piracha-Zakariya (1st Vice President), Lisa Peschcke-Koedt (Chair, Civic Savvy), David Springer (Voter’s Edge/Smart Voter), and Ellen Smith (Chair, Board Development)
- Thanked outgoing Board members:
 - Liza Taft, who will continue her leadership of Voter Registration, Healthcare and VOTER distribution in an Off-Board capacity; and
 - Mary Alice Thornton, who will continue her leadership of Fundraising and League-a-thon in an Off-Board capacity.

Your Board decided

- To publicize the VoteRiders fundraiser to be held on June 11.
- To join SV@Home with a \$100 donation, and ask the Collaborations Committee to propose criteria for joining other organizations in the future.
- To have the chairs of the Nominating and Membership Committees serve as members of the Board Development Committee.
- To offer complimentary LWVPA memberships to our event speakers who live in or near Palo Alto.

Discussed

- The Summer Social, which will be held on Aug. 29 at 7:00 pm, at the Foster Gallery, with speaker Jane Woodward and docent-led tours of the art collection.
- A review of the LWVPA Policy Sheet to be conducted by the Board Development Committee.

- Plans for a board retreat in June, focusing on our organizational structure and committee goals and strategies.

Learned about

- A meeting some board members attended with Maria Love, Director of the Santa Clara County Office of Immigrant Relations, and others at county offices in San Jose to hear about the county’s response to immigrant needs.
- A meeting between some of our board members and some board members of the South San Mateo County League to discuss how we might coordinate and cooperate with each other on housing, transportation, and other issues in common.
- The Board Development Committee membership: Ellen Smith (Chair), Megan Swezey Fogarty, Chris Logan, Lynne Russell, and David Thornton.

Karen Kalinsky, Secretary

LWVPA Wins “Strike While the Iron is Hot” Award at State Convention

LWVPA was honored at the State League Convention for our outstanding Speaker Series. Kudos to Maureen O’Kicki who arranged the events, Ellen Forbes who lead the publicity efforts of the Communications Committee and completed the award application, and to everyone who participated in the planning and staging of our eight inspiring events.





Advocacy Report by Lisa Ratner

National

Voter ID and Gerrymandering

The U.S. Supreme Court issued two important decisions on voter ID requirements and gerrymandering. The court let stand a lower federal court decision that struck down North Carolina's law which would have required voters to present a photo ID in order to vote. The law violated the Voting Rights Act because it targeted African-American voters "with almost surgical precision". The Republican-led North Carolina legislature is readying another voter ID bill.

In **Cooper v. Harris**, the Supreme Court held that the North Carolina legislature engaged in unconstitutional racial gerrymandering by packing African-American voters into two congressional districts under the pretense that a clear majority was needed in order to satisfy the Voting Rights Act instead of a near majority. Packing black voters in a few black majority districts got some African-Americans elected to Congress, but



eroded the biracial electoral base of most white Southern Democrats. The significance of gerrymandering is shown in the 2012 House elections. Democratic candidates got 1.4 million more votes than Republicans but won 33 fewer congressional seats.

The case is significant because North Carolina had argued that the districts were drawn based on partisan rather than racial considerations. The court has a history of not interfering in mere partisan line-drawing. Justice Elena Kagan wrote that in places where race and party overlap the court may strike down partisan line-drawing where party is a proxy for race.

LWV North Carolina was the plaintiff in the voter ID case. LWV filed an amicus brief in the redistricting case. Chris Carson, LWV President, said, "This is a major win in the battle for fair elections."

State

Motor-Voter Law Compliance

LWVC (along with other groups including Common Cause and the ACLU) is suing the California Department of Motor Vehicles for failing to implement the National Voter Registration Act (also known as the Motor-Voter law). Under the federal law, states are required to treat driver license renewals or applications as a voter registration request. If the applicant is already a registered voter, the state must update the existing voter registration with new information supplied on the driver's license application, renewal or change of address form, name change, address change or new political party affiliation.

The DMV is requiring millions of California voters who renew by mail to complete a separate voter registration, a violation of the Motor-Voter law. In response to a 2016 complaint by the LWVC and other organizations, the DMV updated its system to allow automatic updating of voter registration online or in person, but it refused to incorporate voter-registration into its mail-renewal process. "It is unacceptable for the DMV to deny seamless voter registration to millions of Californians who renew their licenses by mail," said Helen Hutchison, President of LWVC. "While we appreciate the work DMV did to create an integrated voter registration process for people who go to DMV offices or renew licenses and IDs online, others should be given the same opportunity."

Replacing Aging Voting Machines

LWVC is supporting the Voting Modernization Bond Act of 2018 (Gonzalez Fletcher), which would raise \$450 million to improve California's voting systems by upgrading aging equipment and modernizing how the state conducts elections. The Legislative Advocacy Office (LAO) report in March 2017 recommended that California legislators consider one-time funding to replace aging voting machines. The LAO report contains a map of voting percentages by county (showing most rural counties lagging badly).



Child Care

LWVC issued a call to action for members to support AB 60. Under this bill, families receiving state-subsidized Early Care and Educational Services can be recertified for 12 months before requiring a new certification. They can remain subsidized as long as their income is below 85% of the state median income. This bill responds to a crisis of families needing to pay greatly increased fees for child care. AB 60 keeps parents working and receiving child care services.

Thank You

The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto gratefully acknowledges the contributions made this year by the greater community and by our members who also gave help in many ways in addition to their dues. Without your support, we couldn't carry out our mission of voter education and position advocacy. Note that names are listed alphabetically according to last name.

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Vice Mayor Liz Kniss Speaks at Annual Meeting

Palo Alto Vice Mayor Liz Kniss kicked off our 2017 Annual Meeting with an insightful talk about current and historic issues of our community and their cyclical nature. She encouraged us to stay positive in our efforts against the problems of today by remembering that, in our past, we have made progress when faced with similar problems.

Also at our Annual Meeting, we honored three members, Phyllis Cassel, Nonette Hanko, and Lanie Wheeler, who have each served in the League for 50 years. It was inspiring to hear them share their League experiences. They are three amazing and accomplished women.

We then completed our Annual Meeting business, voting to approve the nominating committee's recommendations, the Board recommended program for 2017-2018, recommended changes to our bylaws and recommended position updates to our Natural Resources and Housing positions. Thank you to Joyce Tavrow for acting as parliamentarian, Maureen O'Kicki for arranging the speaker, Karen Kalinsky for coordinating the Annual Meeting Kit and to the Board for providing the delicious food.

Sue Hermsen



Vice-Mayor Kniss addresses our members at the Annual Meeting

LWVPA's Early Childhood Education Committee Makes Plan to Meet Important Goal in 2018

LWVPA's Early Childhood Education (ECE) Committee met on Friday, April 21 for a luncheon meeting with 11 motivated members. Our goal was to plan the agenda for our committee's activities/events that promote ECE leading up to the November 2018 local, state, and federal elections.

The ECE Committee reaffirmed unanimously our belief that we must educate the public to why our community, state and nation need universal, high quality childcare for all children from birth to age 5. The reason: We must enable our children to function in a 21st century society and economy as productive, caring individuals. As stated by one of our members: "It is more than a problem, we have a local, state and national crisis."

In the next 18 months these are the activities we wish to achieve to educate our community on the crisis facing our children regarding the lack of ECE:

- 1) Show the film: "The Raising of America" to the general public in partnership with the other leagues, and especially the Palo Alto Council of PTAs. Cubberley Theatre was discussed as a possible venue.
- 2) Have a panel discussion of legislative leaders and advocates for ECE to educate the community. (Berman, Jerry Hill, Joe Simitian, etc.)
- 3) Follow and perhaps encourage the State League to support a soda and marijuana tax that may be on the 2018 ballot.
- 4) Support the work of the State League in reforming Prop 13, the Property Tax Split Roll Reform that updates commercial and business assessments. This will not affect individual homeowners, only businesses.
- 5) Host educational forums regarding education and ECE..
- 6) Fundraising to help ECE----Fund a Need.
- 7) Increase awareness of the need to help children, and families in the immigrant and refugee community so impacted by ICE and become involved in directly helping children.

Other Actions:

- 1) Sharon Keplinger volunteered to become a LWV Observer for the PAUSD;
- 2) Linda Heinigen and Carole Stein volunteered to draft proposed updates to our local League position in line with the State League position which is more detailed than ours.

Diane Rolfe

Report on Juvenile Justice in Santa Clara County

The Juvenile Justice Committee of the LWV Santa Clara County Council met in late April with representatives from FLY – Fresh Lifelines for Youth. In existence for the past 17 years, FLY’s mission is to prevent juvenile crime and incarceration through legal education, leadership training and one-on-one mentoring.

A staff of 50 and over 100 volunteers meet with at-risk youth in middle and high schools and in Juvenile hall, helping them gain an understanding and respect for the juvenile justice legal system. Programs also help youth build important life skills, like empathy, problem solving and anger management. Students are selected to participate in a one- to two-year leadership training program with a 25-hour case manager and one-on-one mentoring. Graduates of the Leadership program become role models for the younger students.

FLY’s impact is impressive: 80% of incarcerated students in the Leadership program do not re-offend and 80% graduate from high school (the average graduation rate for this population is less than 65%). Learn more about FLY on its web site: <http://flyprogram.org/>.

The LWV Juvenile Justice Committee, organized within the five Santa Clara County Leagues, meets to discuss and learn about JJ programs in Santa Clara County. If you are interested in this vital topic, contact Melody Grendell Climo, melodyclimo@gmail.com, for more information.

Veronica Tincher
Past local Juvenile Justice Committee Chair

Send Us Your Photos

Keep that smartphone handy at LWV activities! Please snap pictures of the League in action, anytime, anywhere and share them with us. The Comms Team (communications committee) will love that help. For FB and Twitter pix, “in-the-moment or shortly after” pictures are best. They can be emailed, “Attn: Comms Team” at lwvpaoffice@gmail.com. Thank you. (P.S. We like old pictures too. If you have any to share – either printed or still on film – send us an email and we’ll get in touch about scanning them for our archives.)



Ellen Forbes

League of Women Voters of Palo Alto Annual Financial Report to Members Fiscal Year 2016

Assets	6/30/16	6/30/15	
Checking	10,655	13,554	
Savings	25,250	25,214	
Bulk Mail Account	140	225	
Business Reply Postage Account	66	68	
Total	\$36,111	\$39,061	
Education Fund	9,505	3,549	
Total Assets	\$45,617	\$42,610	
Income	FY'16 Actual	FY'16 Budget	Variance: Fav/(Unfav)
Dues	16,725	13,230	3,495
Contributions, Members	4,924	6,000	-1,076
Contributions, Others	4,643	4,500	143
Meeting Fees	3,342	3,000	342
Reimbursements	0	-	0
Other	58	-	58
From Education	9,505	12,100	-2,595
Total Income	\$39,197	\$38,830	\$367
Expense			
Administration	14,751	15,600	849
PMP	11,888	10,683	-1,205
Service to Members	6,399	5,750	-649
Service to Community	4,519	4,825	306
Action	0	1,000	1,000
Program & Study	115	100	-15
Fund Raising	1,528	1,220	-308
Other	90	-	-90
Total Expense	\$39,289	\$39,178	-\$111
Net Gain/(Loss)	-\$92	-\$348	\$256
Education Fund			
Contributions, Members	3,866	6,600	-2,734
Contributions, Non-Members & Other Sources	5,224	5,500	-276
Total Income	\$9,090	\$12,100	-\$3,010

I have examined the Financial Statements of LWVPA for fiscal year 2015-16 and I conclude that the accounts are correct and the books are in good order. Paula Collins.

New Voices for Youth Ends School Year



Lalo with the Siena students - December

New Voices will wind up its school year program in early June with a screening of the students' videos at the Siena Youth Center, 2625 Marlborough Ave., Redwood City, June 8, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. You are most welcome to join us. The East Palo Boys & Girls Club program will also be taking a summer recess. Visit the New Voices web site: <http://www.newvoicesforyouth.org> to see the videos and photos from both sites.

New Voices is currently holding its Spring fund-raising campaign combined with newsletters about New Voices activities. Click [News from New Voices](#) and [More News from New Voices](#) to see the news. We are sorry to announce that our Program Director, Jose Saavedra (Lalo) is making a career move. He has contributed a great deal to the program this year and we will miss him. The League Steering Committee will be busy in the coming months recruiting a new Program Director. League members are most welcome to visit the Committee and find out more about our work.

*Veronica Tincher, LWV Palo Alto
Sheila Botein, LWV South San Mateo County
Co-chairs*



MAKE DEMOCRACY BLOOM: A Garden Party to Benefit VoteRiders

VoteRiders is a bipartisan organization focused on educating citizens about voter ID laws which partners with community organizations to actively help people acquire their needed ID. This fundraiser is focused on building a local voter ID coalition in Virginia because it is the only voter ID state with statewide elections in 2017. To learn more about the organization, go to <http://www.voteriders.org>

DATE: Sunday, June 11th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 715 Frenchmans Road, Stanford, CA

REGISTER (and donate) by going to <http://voteriders.brownpapertickets.com>

Tickets cost \$1; Democracy is priceless — We hope you will donate generously! 100% of your (tax-deductible) donation will go to VoteRiders.

Membership News

The 2017-18 Membership Directory is available! If you would like a copy, please email Lynne Russell at

lynnerussell1@gmail.com.

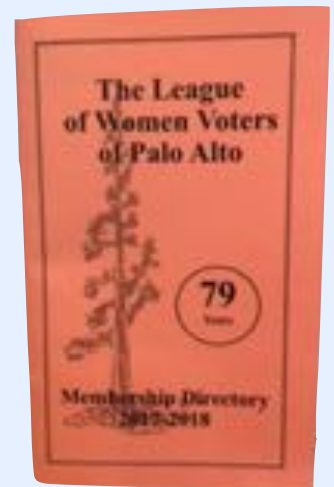
Please note that the information in the directory is restricted to members of the League of Women Voters for League business only.

Looking for a graduation gift for a special high school or college student?

Student membership in our League is just \$40! Click here: www.lwvpaloalto.org/join.html

Thanks to all who attended our terrific membership brainstorming session on May 19th — Sarah Bagwell, Nana Chancellor, Alison Cormack, Linda Henigin, Maureen O'Kicki, Beth Sears, Nancy Smith. So many good ideas!

*Lynne Russell and Megan Swezey Fogarty
Membership Chairs*



Welcome, New Members!

Kriss Deiglmeier, Callie Elliston, Joyce Farnsworth,
Shirley Finrock, Tricia Herrick,
Anne Kastner, Bill Koopman,
Frances McVittie, Cliff Young



We are so glad you have joined the League.



Thank you to all the board and off-board members who reviewed this *VOTER*, and for the invaluable proofreading of **Ellen Forbes, Betty Gerard, Bonnie Packer, Lynne Russell, and Karen Kalinsky.**

Sue Hermsen, VOTER Editor

The LWVPA Book Group

will meet

Friday, July 21, at 10 am

to discuss:

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

by **Matthew Desmond**



The meeting will be at the home of Ursula Moore. Visitors are welcome.

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It's easy to join the LWVPA —Do it now!

You will be glad you did. Joining at the local level makes you a member at all levels: National, State, Bay Area and Palo Alto. Voting membership is now open to non-citizens and to individuals 16 years of age or older. Men are encouraged to join. Dues grants are available.

For more information, call the League office (650) 903-0600.

Name _____

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Annual membership: \$85. Additional membership, same address: \$40. Student membership: \$40.

Mail check with this form to LWVPA, 3921 E. Bayshore Road, Suite 209, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

You can also join or renew online via PayPal at <http://www.lwvpaloalto.org/join.html>

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<http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov>

CALENDAR

<http://www.lwvpaloalto.org/Calendar.html>

Thu, Jun 8, 6:30 pm
NV4Y Screening
Siena Youth Center,
2625 Marlborough Ave.
Redwood City

Sun, Jun 11, 4 pm
Make Democracy
Bloom —Vote Riders
Benefit
715 Frenchmans Road
Stanford

Sat, Jun 24, 9 am
Board Retreat and
Board Meeting
PCC

Fri, Jul 21, 10 am
Book Group
Moore

Tue, Jul 25, 7 pm
Board Meeting
PCC

Thu, Aug 24
New Citizen Ceremonies
Campbell

Tue, Aug 29, 6:30 pm
Summer Social
The Foster Gallery
Palo Alto

Tue, Sep 19
New Citizen Ceremonies
Campbell