



The Voter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF STANISLAUS COUNTY

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President's Message: A Busy February

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED. In the last year, LWVSC has gained more than 30 members! To welcome them and offer information about what League does and how it works, they were invited to a morning social in February. The event attracted 13 new members who enjoyed meeting one another over coffee and goodies and chatting with Board members. Each attendee received a packet with “the basics” about League – non-partisan policy, LWVC and LWVUS action position topics with website reference for details as well as our local positions. Laurie Carley explained how we can be a “nonpartisan political organization” and how we balance non-partisan education with issue-based advocacy. Julie Saugstad covered the process that League uses to adopt positions for advocacy that included examples of local actions taken. Invitees expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn more about League and offered their personal areas of interest.

LWVC PROGRAM PLANNING. LWV grassroots in action! LWVSC members met at February Lunch and Learn to recommend topics for LWV California to emphasize in 2019-2021. Recommendation from all California Leagues will be reviewed and forwarded to delegates at the June Convention for action.

Our first task was to identify three important issues for future LWVC action. Consensus was reached on the following:

- Health Care with emphasis on programs to train and retain medical service providers in under-served areas, expansion of Medical mental health services, addressing the opioid crisis and preparing to meet women’s health needs should Planned Parenthood be defunded.
- Water: Continue the work of the LWVC Water Study Committee to review and update as needed the current LWVC water position to ensure it is balanced to meet the water needs of all Californians with regard to water management, usage, storage, quality, environment and conservation.
- AB 705 eliminates remedial courses at community colleges: advocate for programs to provide academic preparation so students can succeed at the community college.

- OTHER: Immigration, though our concerns (legal services, Dreamers, path to citizenship) would be better addressed at the national level.

Our second task was to consider proposals for consensus proposed by other Leagues.

- Approved a proposal from LWV Sacramento County to eliminate instant runoff as the preferred election process with a position that establishes standards and flexibility for local election procedures.
- Approved a new position on adult criminal justice with the suggested addition of provision for victims' rights.

Our third task was to review our local program for possible update. There were no recommendations for changes though it was noted that our positions on Adult Criminal Justice and Elections are consistent with those being recommended for adoption by LWVC.■

Marie

Online Resources: Important League Websites

LWV Mission Statement: The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

As League members we are, by definition, interested in government issues and decisions, and we therefore have a responsibility to stay informed at the national, state and local levels. Among the myriad of information sources available to us are several LWV websites. You can find out the League's position on an issue. You can follow pending legislation. You can learn about actions League is taking and add support by responding to Action Alerts. You can participate in issue-based chatrooms. You can sign-up to receive regular e-mail updates. All this and more are a few clicks away. Here are a few websites to get you started:

<http://lwvstanislaus.org> is our LWVSC website with newsletters, event calendar, local positions and links to other relevant websites.

<http://lwvc.org> is the site for general information from LWV of California. Click on "Our Work" for current issues and actions.

<http://lwvc.org/lwvonly> is a member-only site (no password required) with lots of interesting information about policies as well as current activities at the state level.

<http://lwvus.org> is the site for information about national League advocacy priorities and actions.■

Thank You to Finance Drive Donors

The annual LWVSC Finance Drive is the primary source of income to provide educational and voter service programs and to cover operating expenses for our League. We appreciate the League members and community supporters who continue to make these possible with their generous donations. Listed below are the contributors to the 2018-2019 Finance Drive.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS

LUNCH AND LEARN: Thursday, April 25 at noon. Ridgway's in Century Center, Modesto. Chef's choice menu at \$15. **SPEAKER:** Lisa Battista. She will talk about the Voter's Choice Act, which gives counties the option of changing their election procedures.

ANNUAL MEETING: Wednesday, May 8 at 6 pm. In addition to a social and speaker, at this meeting we will elect officers and directors and conduct other official business of our League. See flyer p. 5 for details; please plan to attend.

LUNCH & LEARN: No Lunch & Learn in May per our tradition, since this is Annual Meeting month as well. Next Lunch & Learn is June 27, 2019. ■

TRANSITION BOARD MEETING: Date and time to be determined. Current and newly elected Officers and Directors attend to hand off portfolios and get to know each other.

Field Guide to LWVSC's Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for May 8, 2019 at 6 pm! At our Annual Meeting, we elect new officers and directors. We also review the budget and approve our Local Program positions for 2019-2020.

To Prepare: Check out our positions:

- our **local program** is available on our [website](#),

Budget: Please see p. 6.

Slate of Officers & Directors: See below for Nominating Committee recommendations.

LWV Proposed Slate for 2019-2020 Board & Officers

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER

2019-2020 RECOMMENDATION

Marsha Waggoner
Marie Bairey
Laurie Carley
Julie Saugstad

DIRECTORS

ACTION
FINANCE DRIVE
LUNCH & LEARN

Seena Rhine
Wendy Scott
Hanna Renning
Pat Portwood
Colleen Norby
Mary Ann Reynolds

MEMBERSHIP

Alene Griffin
Michael Fuller
Stella Beratlis (backup)

PUBLICITY
VOTER EDITOR

Laurie Carley
Judy Kropp

VOTER SERVICE

Stella Beratlis
Stella Beratlis
George Britton

WEBSITE MANAGER
NOMINATING

NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR AT ANNUAL MEETNG WITH CONSENT OF THE NOMINEE.

Members interested serving on the Board (Secretary, Treasurer or other position), please contact George Britton (gwbritton@gmail.com) or Stella Beratlis (berattle@gmail.com).



LWV Stanislaus County

71st Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

With Guest Speaker

Tyler Richardson

*Chief Business Services Officer, Opportunity Stanislaus
(Formerly known as The Alliance)*

Topic:

**Vocational and Career Educational Opportunities
in Stanislaus County, including V.O.L.T.**

**At the home of Marsha Waggoner
916 Kenilworth Court, Modesto**

**6:00 – Social, wine and appetizers*
6:30 – Speaker**

Annual Meeting to Follow

Agenda

**Elect 2019-2020 Officers and Directors
Approve 2019-2020 Budget
Approve Local Program**

*RSVP Marsha (526-5104) or Marie (523-0663) if you plan to attend.
Let her know if you can bring wine or an appetizer.

League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County					
Proposed Budget 7-1-19 6-30-20					
	Budget	3-31-19 YTD	proposed	18-19 to 19-20	
	2018-19		2019-20	Difference	Explanation
Income:					
Dues	\$4,000.00	\$3,870.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00	90 fam, 60 indiv, 10 student
Finance Drive	\$3,000.00	\$2,795.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
Fin Drive Desig. Education	\$2,200.00	\$1,520.00	\$2,000.00	(\$200.00)	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Memorials	\$0.00	\$2,980.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Income	\$9,200.00	\$11,255.00	\$9,500.00	\$300.00	
Expenses:					
Office Expenses:					
Equipment	\$300.00	\$243.80	\$650.00	\$350.00	projector
General Postage	\$300.00	\$358.35	\$400.00	\$100.00	
Insurance	\$50.00	\$39.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Storage	\$650.00	\$505.00	\$700.00	\$50.00	going up to \$55 a month
Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	stationary, envelopes
Telephone	\$120.00	\$126.86	\$200.00	\$80.00	pay about \$16 a month
Voter Newsletter	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	postage
Website	\$160.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$40.00	
miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Office Expenses	\$1,730.00	\$1,673.01	\$2,350.00	\$620.00	
Dues Expenses:					
State PMP	\$1,900.00	\$1,876.00	\$2,350.00	\$450.00	fam \$42, indiv \$28, studt \$0
National PMP	\$2,200.00	\$2,144.00	\$2,700.00	\$500.00	\$48, \$32, \$0
Total Dues Expenses	\$4,100.00	\$4,020.00	\$5,050.00	\$950.00	
Membership Expenses:					
Action	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Publications	\$250.00	\$96.12	\$200.00	(\$50.00)	directory, pubs
Board Tools	\$50.00	\$13.28	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Convention	\$1,040.00	\$250.00	\$2,000.00	\$960.00	US next year
Finance Drive	\$200.00	\$82.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	postage & printing
Supplies	\$150.00	\$79.74	\$150.00	\$0.00	
Publicity	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
Meetings	\$300.00	\$35.32	\$300.00	\$0.00	includes member events
Lunch and Learn	\$150.00	\$15.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	
Other org membership	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	
Workshops	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
Total Membership Exp	\$2,420.00	\$696.46	\$3,330.00	\$910.00	
Voter Service Expenses:					
Candidate Forums	\$500.00	\$734.00	\$400.00	(\$100.00)	
Supplies	\$200.00	\$166.21	\$50.00	(\$150.00)	
Voter's Edge website fee	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	(\$50.00)	
Total Voter Service Exp	\$950.00	\$1,200.21	\$650.00	(\$300.00)	reimbursed from Ed Fund
Educational Grant, new	\$0.00		\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	1000 grant, 50 expenses
Total Expenses	\$9,200.00		\$12,430.00	\$3,230.00	
Deficit Budget:	\$2,930.00				includes student grant
Savings, Feb 28	\$21,747.31				
Checking, Feb 28	\$ 12,522.93				
Education Fund, Feb 28	\$7,562.39				
Total estimated assets	\$41,832.63				
Restricted Reserve	\$6,500.00				

Officers

Marie Bairey
President

— Vacant —
Vice President

Laurie Carley
Secretary

Julie Saugstad
Treasurer

Directors

Marsha Waggoner
Voter Service

Karrie Bullock
Colleen Norby
Membership

Michael Fuller
Editor, The Voter

Ruby Hennessey
Hanna Renning
Lunch & Learn

Therese Grieshaber
Public Relations

Seena Rhine
Action

Wendy Scott
Finance Drive

Others

Stella Beratlis
Webmaster

George Britton, chair
Stella Beratlis
Nominating Committee

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following members who have recently joined LWVSC: Kay and Mike Christensen (parents of long-time member Amy Wolfe) from Escalon; Chinyere Nndim Jack from Patterson; Barbara Wells from Turlock; Rachel Garcia Lombrana, Suzanne Autry and Pamela O’Brien from Modesto. We look forward to seeing you at future League events. ■

 **On the Calendar**

April 25, 2019 • Lunch and Learn • Noon • Local attorney and voting rights activist Lisa Battista will talk about the Voter’s Choice Act. (Chef’s choice: \$15; vegetarian or gluten-free available on request.) ■

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See page 3 for additional upcoming events. ■

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