



The Voter

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

APRIL 2013

JANE PERSON, PRESIDENT

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LEAGUE'S APRIL 9 PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON SUSTAINABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Two speakers will discuss energy independence and community food production at the League's general meeting Tues., Apr. 9, at 10 a.m. at the Caspar Community Center.

Charles Cresson Wood, a management consultant and writer based in Mendocino County, will talk about energy independence, how it affects local economies and changes it will bring to the culture. He also will talk about Transition Towns, a grassroots community network that promotes communities that are sustainable and resilient.

Tarney Sheldon is part

of the North Coast Opportunities, Inc. Community Action Team that collaborates with institutions, businesses and the public to create a sustainable local food system that reduces hunger, increases health, protects the environment, and expands economic vitality.

She is a member of the Mendocino County Food Policy Council's special committee to write a Food Action Plan that will be a roadmap for Mendocino County programs involving sustainability in all aspects of the local food system. She will talk about the background and goals

of the Food Action Plan and how the plan can be used by individuals, families, businesses, institutions, government bodies and community organizations.

In 2005, the League adopted a position that supports community education about sustainability with a focus on sustainable communities. The position is summarized in brief on Page 5.

The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Apr. 9, at the Caspar Community Center. Coffee is served at 9:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public at no charge.

SAVE THE DATE

**TUES., MAY 14, 2013
10 A.M.
CASPAR COMMUNITY
CENTER
COFFEE AT 9:30 A.M.**

**ANNUAL LWV MEETING
AND POTLUCK LUNCH
BRING SALAD OR DESSERT**

**SOUP SERVED BY
WESTPORT HOTEL'S
DORINE REAL
AND LEE TEPPER**

**PLEASE BRING THIS VOTER
IT IS YOUR MEETING KIT**

**AFTER THE BUSINESS
MEETING, COLLEGE
OF THE REDWOODS
PRESIDENT K. SMITH AND
TRUSTEE B. RICE HAVE
BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK
TO LEAGUE MEMBERS**

MEETING AGENDA, P. 2

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM SET FOR APRIL 12

Three Fort Bragg City Council candidates will appear at a League forum Friday, Apr. 12, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Town Hall at the corner of Main and Laurel Streets, Fort Bragg.

Derek Hoyle, Heidi Kraut and Madeleine Melo are on the May 7 vote-by-mail ballot to fill the seat vacated by Dan Gjerde who was elected 4th District County Supervisor.

We encourage League members to come at 5:45 p.m. to help the Voter Service committee set up the hall and gather written questions from audience members.

LWV CALENDAR

Tues., Apr. 2, Board Meeting
9:30 a.m.
Fort Bragg Library

**Tues., May 14, Annual Meeting
See Above Announcement**

*All Board of Directors meetings
are open to members
All LWV general meetings
are open to the public -no charge*

League of Women Voters of Mendocino County
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, May 14, 2013—10 a.m.
Caspar Community Center

9:30 a.m. Sign in

10 a.m. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda

Jane Person

Annual Meeting Minutes May 4, 2012

Minutes Committee
Kitty Brown, Babs Levine
Jary Stavely

Financial Report

Lee Tepper

Presentation/Adoption of Recommended 2013-2014 Budget

Doris Hammer

Presentation/Restatement of Local Program

Barbara Matheson

Nominations Committee Report

Betty Barber

Nominations from the Floor

Betty Barber

Election of Officers and Directors

Betty Barber

Introduction of Officers and Directors

Jane Person

Directions to the Board

Membership

Adjournment of Business Meeting

Jane Person

10:45 a.m. Program

Barbara Rice, Member
Board of Trustees
College of the Redwoods
(President Kathryn Smith
also has been invited to
attend)

11:30 a.m. Luncheon

Salad and dessert potluck courtesy of League Members
Soup from the Kitchen of the Westport Hotel
Courtesy of Dorine Real and Lee Tepper

LWVMC 2013-2014 Budget**Income**

Dues	\$ 3,210.00
Donations	\$ 500.00
Fund raising	\$ 1,500.00
Interest Bank Accounts	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 5,235.00
Drawdown of capital	\$ 2,386.00
	\$ 7,621.00

Expenses

Total PMP	\$ 3,186.00
Conventions/Workshops	\$ 800.00
Smart Voter	\$ 300.00
Publications	-
Program	\$ 500.00
VOTER	\$ 200.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Voter Service	\$ 1,000.00
Action	\$ 25.00
Membership	\$ 50.00
Fundraising	\$ 100.00
Insurance	\$ 150.00
Special Events (Meet/Greet)	\$ 150.00
Website	\$ 160.00
Total	\$ 7,621.00

Nominating Committee Report

President:	Jane Person
Vice President:	Dorine Real
Vice President:	Patricia Marien
Secretary:	Cindy Plank
Treasurer:	Lee Tepper
Elected Directors:	Carol Czadek
	Pat Dunbar
	Barbara Matheson
	Jary Stavely
Appointed Directors:	JoAn Blackstone
	Kitty Brown
	Babs Levine
Off-Board Budget Committee Chair:	Nancy Kleiber
Off-Board Nominating Committee Chair:	Betty Barber

LWVMC**Recommended Program 2013-2014****Local Program Positions**

The process of planning the program for League members begins with the review of existing positions and current issues. After member discussion, the League chooses those positions which it believes should be retained, reviewed, updated, and/or deleted as well as those that the League should emphasize in the coming year.

The local League Board evaluates the responses from members along with the current issues as well as League resources or people and funding. The pro-posed program, or issue(s) for emphasis, could include areas of emphasis for advocacy using existing positions, or education of members and the public, or possible development of new or updated positions through the study process. The recommended program is then presented to the membership at the annual meeting for a final decision.

A list of local program recommendations is below and a summary of positions in brief is on Pages 4 and 5 of this meeting kit.

LWVMC Local Program

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Mendocino County recommends retaining the following positions for the 2013-2014 year.

Special Districts—adopted in 1991, updated 2009

County Budget—adopted in 1994

Libraries—adopted in 1991

Solid Waste Management—adopted in 1991,
updated 1993

Transportation—adopted in 1991

Mendocino Health Care District—adopted in 1999

Sustainable Communities—adopted as issue for emphasis in 1999, as a full position in 2005

Redistricting—adopted as issue for education and action in 2011.

The Board of Directors makes no recommendation at this time for adoption of an issue for education and action for 2013-2014.

League of Women Voters of Mendocino County Program Positions

GOVERNMENT

SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Position in brief: Support of effective functioning of Special Districts to meet the needs of the people and the community.

- a. Special Districts are covered by the Brown Act and should be responsive and accountable to the public by providing information about meetings, agendas, finances, board vacancies and elections.
- b. Public access to meeting records should be in the most advanced medium possible.
- c. Special Districts should coordinate and cooperate with other districts and governmental agencies with a view toward reorganization (including expansion, dissolution, or annexation where feasible).
- d. Regular independent audits should be required.
- e. Changes in the organization of Special Districts should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis using the following criteria: Accessibility, accountability, economy, efficiency.

Approved 1991, updated 2009

COUNTY BUDGET

Position in brief: Support measures to ensure revenues which are fair, sufficient, and equitable to meet changing needs for county-wide services. Support the concept of a strategic plan which includes short term and long range goals. Factors which need to be considered are:

- a. Promotion of efficient utilization of county personnel, facilities and all resources.
- b. Aggressive pursuit of state and federal funding.
- c. Recognition of the diversity of the population and establishment of a means to allow for education and participation of the public.
- d. Initiation of the budget process no later than January each year to facilitate priority setting and general readiness to meet state and federal impacts and enable timely adoption of the budget.

Adopted 1994

LIBRARIES

Position in brief: Support improved library services and facilities which promote economy and utilization.

Adopted 1991

NATURAL RESOURCES

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Position in brief: Support mandatory recycling of useable material.

Support for:

- a. Legislation which requires an increase in the use of recyclable products.
- b. Strong measures to improve the manufacture and sale of recycled materials.

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- c. Legislation which places requirements on cities and the reduction in their waste streams through recycling, composting, and other programs.
- d. Financial incentives.
- e. Education to promote increased awareness of local recycling programs.
- f. Reduction of unneeded packaging.

Adopted 1991, updated 1993

TRANSPORTATION

Position in brief: Support a public transportation system that continues to be subsidized and one that utilizes publicity and convenience to encourage ridership.

Adopted 1991

SOCIAL POLICY

MENDOCINO HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

Position in brief: Support for measures that increase the financial viability of the hospital and district, promote services that meet the needs of the community, and improve community relations. The district should be encouraged to advocate for the betterment of healthcare in the community it serves.

- a. Services provided by Mendocino Health Care District should reflect the needs of the community.
- b. The district board and administration should work in collaboration with other agencies and/or organizations to improve efficiency in the delivery of healthcare to the community.
- c. The district board and administration should continue to work with professional organizations to keep informed and advocate at the state and federal levels.
- d. The board and administration should improve and maintain communications with the community.
- e. There should be sound fiscal management and sufficient revenues to maintain and continue services provided by the district that will meet the changing needs of the community.

Adopted 1999

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The goals are:

- a. To provide community education on the topic of sustainability, with a focus on sustainable communities.
- b. To monitor the re-writing and implementation of the County General Plan as it relates to issues of community sustainability.

Adopted as Issue for Emphasis 1999

As full position 2005

MISSION STATEMENT

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, A NON-PARTISAN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION,
ENCOURAGES INFORMED AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT,
STRIVES TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF MAJOR PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES,
AND INFLUENCES PUBLIC POLICY**

Help Wanted Ad From Our President, Jane Person

Patricia Marien, who for the last four years has served us coffee and goodies at our meetings, would like some help. She needs someone who will come to each meeting early and assist with set up and stay around for take down, a second in command who wouldn't mind being first in command when she and Jary go on trips.

This is a wonderful way to meet people and do something we all enjoy. We don't want anyone to burn out in a job, and giving Patricia help here might just prevent that. Please see Patricia or call/email her to volunteer your services. 964-4942 paprika@mcn.org

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www.mendo.ca.lwvnet.org

www.ca.lwv.org

www.lwv.org

www.smartvoter.org/ca/state/

Status of the bills in Congress
www.thomas.loc.gov

**Mendocino County
Election Office**
(707) 463-4371

To check status of mailed-in ballot:
www.co.mendocino.ca.us/acr/cgi-bin/absentee.pl

**Television Coverage
of Listed Public Meetings
In Mendocino County
can be viewed at**

**Mendocino Coast Television
Community Access Television**

www.mendocoasttv.org

Sources of Information about Money in Politics

www.moneyoutvotersin.org

<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/>

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=14>

<http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Measures/list.aspx?session=2011>

http://ca.lwv.org/sites/ca.lwv.org/files/Campaign%20Finance%20FACTS_1.pdf

<http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/srssea.shtml>

Membership in The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County is a bargain and a statement. You will be saying that you are committed to the ballot as a means for change and for providing non-biased information to voters. The issues your League follows are those that affect every resident's family and community. Get involved in the League of Women Voters. Dues for 2012-2013 cover the period between September, 2012 and September, 2013.

Please consider joining at one of these levels:

Susan B. Anthony Individual Membership \$55 _____
Amelia Bloomer Two-member Household Membership \$80 _____
Elizabeth Cady Stanton Membership \$100 _____
Carrie Chapman Catt Membership \$250 or more _____
Donation _____

Name/Names: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

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