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April meeting

Let's Talk ... About Civility

By Jary Stavelly

Be prepared for a lively and thought-provoking exploration of Civil Discourse at our April 10th League membership meeting, to be held, as usual, at the Caspar Community Center at 10 am. Dorine Real, Jane Person, Cindy Plank, and Nancy Kleiber are preparing a wide-ranging program with video, selected readings, role-playing and discussion to develop a deeper understanding of what civil discourse entails, and how it can be fostered.

Here are some questions which we will dive into:

- What are the benefits of civility in public discourse?
- What is conversational terrorism?
- What have other League units and governmental entities already established to promote civic dialogue?
- How can rules of procedure like Robert's Rules of Order help or hinder civil discourse?
- How can friendships flourish during the expression of political differences?
- How can we create a civil space on the internet?

Please join us for this timely, interactive session, and bring a friend. Coffee and informal conversation will begin a half hour before the 10 am starting time.

Engage in Civility Online

from LWWUS

Leagues are invited to join with the National Institute for Civil Discourse (NICD) and Bridge Alliance to

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participate in a National Week of Conversation (April 20-28, 2018). Americans from all over the country will take a step to help bridge political divides by listening to each other and holding civil, respectful conversations about the future of our nation and how we can create a more positive tone in this year's elections.

Tools and discussion guides are available [here](https://www.revivecivility.org/national-week-conversation):
<https://www.revivecivility.org/national-week-conversation>.

LWV 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 through education and advocacy.

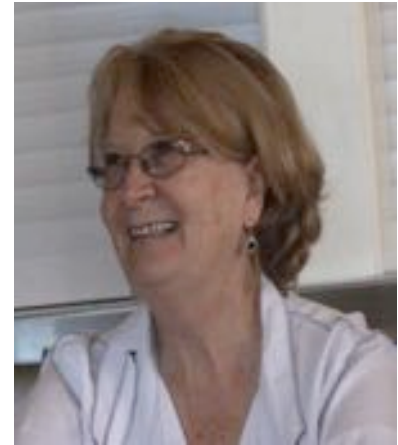
President's message

Freedom of the Press

by *Cindy Plank*

Freedom of the press in America is protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and is generally understood to permit dissemination of information, ideas and opinions without the government interfering with their distribution.

Known also as the Free Press Clause, this right has been extended to media. The media encompasses print, online, radio, TV, etc. There are media sources who strive for accuracy and facts, and there are media sources who strive to promote a particular point of view.



The Constitution of the United States: Amendment I.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Patent attorney Vanessa Ortero has constructed a Media Bias Chart, which attempts to categorize the amount of objectivity to be found in various news sources. The chart can be found at <http://www.allgeneralizationsarefalse.com/the-chart-version-3-0-what-exactly-are-we-reading/>.

She explains, “In ranking stories and sentences, I believe it is important to distinguish between fact, analysis, and opinion, and to value fact-reporting as more essential to news than either analysis or opinion. Opinion isn’t necessarily bad, but it’s important to distinguish that it is not *news*, which is why I rank it lower on the chart than analysis or fact reporting.”

Basically, the chart is shaped like a pyramid and puts news sources into four categories. A green area at the top center of the chart contains puts media sources that, according to Vanessa’s research, have the most original fact reporting, and with the lowest bias: basically “news.” The next tier, yellow, contains media sources with mostly **fair interpretations** of the news, including complex analysis and opinion; the orange tier includes media sources with selective or incomplete stories/**unfair interpretations**; and the red tier at the bottom contains sources with **misleading, inaccurate, or fabricated** info, which is damaging to public discourse. The green area is narrow, falling in the center of the left-to-right spectrum; as one reads downward, the tiers get wider, encompassing sources that lean more heavily to the left or the right. It’s interesting to see which media sources on both left and right fall into each of these layers.

We also all know that “social” media plays into many people’s methods of keeping up with the “news”. Some of it is accurate, and some of it is not. Social media can include large companies or individual persons. Facebook and Twitter are two examples of how every person has the opportunity to create their own “meme”, to broadcast their opinion, to offer their own statement – often displayed to appear as fact. Anyone can also create their own website, and as we’ve read over the past many months, people within our country and without have produced “news” with the purpose of swaying whoever is willing to be swayed. Just Google the YouTube video “How Russian Trolls (continued, next page ...)



(Freedom of the Press, from p. 2 ...)

Operate”, or a myriad of other interviews with individuals who have been paid to circulate opposing comments. And then there are the most recent stories of Cambridge Analytica/Facebook. There are many out there whose purpose is to cause confusion and division. And there are those who just repost or retweet a sentiment that fits their world view, without checking its validity.

But we are members of LWV. We don’t accept what others tell us is news. We research. We read from various sources. We respect and support the sources who strive for factual reporting. We don’t just latch onto what sounds like what we think we should think. And we don’t slam other people who might not think exactly like we do. We listen. We talk. We try to understand other points of view. We might even change our minds about some things. We are civil.

We are League of Women Voters.

June Election Candidate Forums

Voter Services Chair Carol Czadek has two exciting candidate forum events scheduled for early May. She hopes soon to confirm that the League will host the only coastal forum for County Schools Superintendent on May 2nd at the Caspar Community Center from 6 – 8pm. Candidates Michelle Hutchins and Bryan Barrett will give 2 minute opening and closing statements, and give one minute answers to questions from the audience. Both candidates attended our Meet & Greet event.

Then, two days later, she is organizing a 5th district supervisorial candidate forum at Mendocino High School. Attendance will be limited. Andy Wellspring’s Senior Civics Class students, their families, local press, some LWVMC volunteers, and one guest of each candidate will be able to attend this Friday morning event. We are pleased to be able to extend our election education abilities in this

way, and to coordinate them with the new-voter packets that we are also organizing (see below)

There are several other opportunities to learn about 5th District candidates Arthur Juhl, David Roderick, Alan Rodier, Chris Skyhawk, and Ted Williams. The 5 of them will appear at a forum to be held at the Anderson Valley Grange on April 9, at 7 pm. Two nights later (April 11) they will participate in a meet-the-candidates forum sponsored by the Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce at 6 pm at the Little River Inn. All but Mr. Roderick, who was traveling in Canada at the time, attended the League Meet & Greet as well.

League member Kathy Wylie also suggests that voters can join a Facebook public discussion group with the candidates at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Mendocino5thDistrict/>

Congratulations, You Can Vote! — The Swag Bags Project

by Cindy Plank

Wait for it...something exciting is coming. This is just a quick blurb to let you know about a project involving our coastal high school kids, which is just getting off the ground.

We are very excited to begin a project with two Mendocino High School teachers to assist with inspiring those students turning 18 before the June 5 primary election to register, and then vote. Our high school teachers already provide so much valuable information regarding voting, but we hope

to further instill excitement and enthusiasm by presenting little packets of fun — including important voting information — to every senior.

We’ve prepared a special League card for them with a QR code and links to various League and voting resources. Look for it on p. 3.

What do you think? Want to help? It’s an exciting adventure, and I would love your input. Call or email me, Cindy Plank, at 357-4282 or <mailto:cindyplank@gmail.com>.

Local League Endorses Coast Hospital Parcel Tax

The League of Women Voters Mendocino County (LWVMC) Board voted to support Measure C, the parcel tax for the Mendocino Coast Health Care District, at its monthly meeting on March 6th. According to Co-President Cindy Plank, LWVMC support for Measure C is based on the following League positions:

STATE AND LOCAL FINANCES

Adopted 1969; Updated 1975; New Positions 1976, 1977, 1981, 1995

POSITION IN BRIEF: *Support measures to ensure revenues both sufficient and flexible enough to meet changing needs for state and local government services; that contribute to a system of public finance that emphasizes equity and fair sharing of the tax burden as well as adequacy; that include long range finance methods that meet current and future needs while taking into account the cumulative impact of public debt.*

Support a process that maintains statutory authority over tax sources, rates and tax expenditures; that makes limited use of direct voting by the public on revenue measures; and that allows adoption of revenue and finance measures by a simple majority vote.

Support the distribution of revenue sources between state and local governments in a manner to ensure adequate, equitable and flexible funding of public programs based on the responsibilities and requirements of each and that encourages accountability.

Support an equitable, broad-based local property tax, easy and economical to administer, producing adequate revenue, with limitations on the types of services it funds.

Support assessment practices and policies that are equitable, accurate, easy to understand and well publicized, with like properties treated uniformly.

Specific issues in the vertical positions that apply to this measure are:

Each fund or tax earmarked for a specific purpose containing an automatic sunset date and provisions

for mandatory government body re-view and reauthorization. *This measure sunsets in 12 years.*

Adoption of designated earmarked funds and taxes only in those situations where social benefit significantly outweighs the loss of flexibility. *The community has made it clear how they wish the funds to be utilized so there is some, but minimal earmarking.*

Make provision for persons unable to pay fees or charges levied on essential community wide services. *This cannot be done legally and does not seem to apply – also this is a preference, not a “mandate”.*

LWVMC Position on the Mendocino Coast 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 health care in the community it serves.*

Section (e) on finances: *there should be sound fiscal management and sufficient revenues in order to support the maintenance and operations of services provided by the district and to meet the changing needs of the community.*

LWVMC conducted a review and study of the Mendocino Coast Health Care District in 1999. Since that time, it is clear that revenues have declined and we are entering an unknown time for future reimbursement from the Federal government for Medicare. The League supports those measures that increase the financial viability of the hospital and the District. The League believes there need to be sufficient revenues in order to support the maintenance and operations of the services provided by the district and to meet the changing needs of the community. LWVMC supports sound fiscal management for the health care district and notes that the measure includes a sunset clause and an oversight committee.

Understanding Local Government Taxes

by Charlene McAllister

Confusion often exists for voters when asked to vote on bond or parcel tax measures, for example the proposed Hospital District parcel tax. How is this different from a bond or a sales tax? A simple way to determine the difference is to look at how each is paid and how each can be used. The following “definitions” refer to local tax measures.

General Obligation (GO) Bond: A municipal bond backed by the credit and "taxing power" of the issuing jurisdiction rather than the revenue from a given project. These funds can only be used for capital projects (often referred to as bricks and mortar projects). These can be equipment, buildings, remodeling, etc. None of the monies can be used for operating expenses. The usual term is 20 years, although some bonds can be 30 or more years. A GO bond requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass (there are exceptions for school bonds). The monies are repaid through property taxation based on assessed value of the property.

Once a bond has passed, the bond is sold to investors and the agency receives the full amount for the capital project. The funds must usually be expended within 5 years to avoid penalties.

Parcel Tax: Parcel taxes are levied against property for the benefit of a county, city or special district and can be used for any purpose, including operations. The monies from a parcel tax are received by the taxing agency as they are collected. Parcel taxes can be for a fixed period of time or permanent. A 2/3 majority vote is required for passage of a parcel tax. Regardless of the time period, there is a provision for the voters to re-approve the tax rate periodically. A parcel tax is a fixed amount, the same for all properties — it is not possible to base the tax on assessed value.

Sales Tax: The authority to levy a tax on sales rests with cities and counties (as well as the State). Special districts do not have the ability to levy a sales tax. An exception could be if the special district lay solely within the boundaries of a city or was county wide.

There are provisions in California for property tax relief for elderly, low income persons. For further

information, contact the County Assessor’s office. For information about California Tax law go to: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>

Yes On Measure C Training

Note: Now that we have endorsed Measure C, we can partner with other organizations to promote it. -- eds

The Yes on C Campaign Committee will sponsor a Volunteer Training for promoting the hospital tax on Tuesday, April 10 at 5:30 pm at Mendocino Coast Clinics conference room. The committee’s core message is: quality healthcare with local access and local control.

To participate, RSVP to Steve Antler at 937-0835 or santler@mcn.org. Please download and read the following FAQs before you come: http://jade.mymcn.org/measure_c/bullet_faqs.pdf http://jade.mymcn.org/measure_c/long_faq.pdf. Go to the northwest entrance of the Behavioral Health/Administration building at 205 South St. Bring your cell phone. Light refreshments will be served. Meanwhile, please let others who want to help know about this training.

National League Update

This has been a busy month for our national League office. Here are Chris Carson's announcements, calls for action, and celebrations of victories in court.

Adding a Citizenship Question to the 2020 Census

Including this question on the Census undermines the rights of eligible voters and threatens a process vital to our democracy. For more than 200 years, the Census has collected information about the geographic distribution of our population so we can provide representation and invest in our communities equitably. Without a complete count of our nation’s people, businesses will not have the tools to make sound investment decisions that keep our communities thriving. The United States Constitution mandates an accurate count of all people living in the United States—not all citizens. Non-citizens are an integral part of our economy and need to be included in the 2020 Census to paint *(continued, next page ...)*

(*LVUS Update, from p. 5 ...*)

a complete picture of our great country. The clock is ticking toward 2020. Stand with us as we call on Congress to take action to correct this issue before it's too late.

Advocating Sensible Gun Laws

Today [March 24], students, parents and concerned Americans are marching in Washington D.C., and other cities across the country, to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we finally put an end the epidemic of mass school shootings. Across the country, the League of Women Voters is marching with them. We're also setting up voter registration tables to ensure those speaking out are heard at the ballot box this year. We are marching for the lives of America's children. We are marching to urge Congress to enact common-sense solutions to the gun violence plaguing our nation.

A recent Quinnipiac poll found that support for background checks is almost universal with 97-percent of voters in favor of background checks on all gun purchasers. This is the highest level of support ever measured by the independent poll. Congress should move common-sense legislation forward that supports universal background checks, bans military-style semi-automatic assault weapons and high capacity magazines, and funds research and reporting on gun violence in America.

Curbing gun violence is a critical matter of public safety, public health and public confidence. It is about protecting our children and our communities from the senseless tragedies that plague our society. Join the marchers today and call on Congress to pass common-sense solutions to curb gun violence.

Fighting Against Partisan Gerrymandering

Yesterday [March 19], in a victory for Pennsylvania voters, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to block the recently redrawn Pennsylvania congressional districts from moving forward. This is a huge victory for Pennsylvanians. Moving forward, the votes of Pennsylvanians will not be diluted by the unconstitutional extreme partisan gerrymandering of its congressional districts. In the 2018 election, voters will be voting under new, fairer maps.

Yesterday's decision was also a huge victory for the League of Women Voters. The League in Pennsylvania initiated this lawsuit in the summer of 2017 because voters deserve the right for their voices to be heard regardless of party affiliation or

address. This victory is an important first step toward slaying the gerrymander.

With yesterday's decision, voters can focus on educating themselves on the candidates and issues on their ballot while making sure they are registered and plan to vote on May 15. This success is just one of the many steps that are being taken in Pennsylvania and in other states across the country in our work to reform redistricting. The League will continue to fight for fair maps by passing legislation and supporting citizen reforms to implement an independent redistricting process.

League Partners on Clean Energy Progress Map

The League joined the Environmental Defense Fund and other organizations to launch and promote the U.S. Clean Energy Progress Map (<http://www.cleanenergyprogress.com/>). The Map shows the economic impact of clean energy growth across the country. The map is a non-partisan, free-to-use public resource that captures investments and jobs in the U.S. wind, solar and energy efficiency industries.

League Joins Full Page Ad on Offshore Drilling

The League joined coalition partners on a full-page ad in Politico on March 1. The ad asked Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to protect our coasts and say no to offshore drilling. Earlier this year, the Trump Administration announced a plan to allow drilling along coasts of the United States (except Florida).

Deadline Extended for Comments on Clean Power Plan Rollback

The EPA has extended the deadline to comment on the planned rollback of the Clean Power Plan. Interested parties now have until April 26, 2018 to submit comments regarding this misguided action. The proposed rollback will greatly weaken the requirements to curb GHG emissions, taking our nation in the wrong direction on a critically important issue. All concerned Leagues and members are urged to submit comments opposing the weakening of this pivotal US climate policy. Please review the talking points and background information developed for this purpose at <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/opportunity-comment-clean-power-plan-rollback>, and see the LWVUS comments at <https://www.lwv.org/environment/league-comments-proposed-repeal-epas-clean-power-plan>.

League of Women Voters of Mendocino County

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – 10 a.m.

Caspar Community Center

Annual business meeting

- 9:30 a.m.: Sign In
- 10 a.m.: Call to Order, Nancy Kleiber, Cindy Plank
Adoption of Agenda
- Approval, Minutes – May 9, 2017 Minutes Committee:
Linda Banta, Jane Person,
Babs Levine
- Financial Report Lee Tepper
- Presentation/Adoption of Budget Committee: Jim Plank
2018-2019 Budget
- Election of Directors and Officers Patricia Marien
Nominations Committee Report
Nominations from the Floor
Election of Officers and Directors
- Adoption of Local Program Nancy Kleiber, Cindy Plank
- National Positions Review Nancy Kleiber, Cindy Plank
- Directions to the Board Membership
- Adjournment of Business Meeting Nancy Kleiber, Cindy Plank

Potluck Luncheon

Presentation:

June Primary Ballot Issues Carol Czadek

*Potluck dishes courtesy of League Members
Punch courtesy of Patricia Marien
Soup courtesy of Westport Hotel*

League of Women Voters of Mendocino County

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Caspar Community Center

May 9, 2017

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Nancy Kleiber. The agenda was approved as presented.

Carol Czadek reported that the minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting (attached)* were found to be truthful and accurate. After a motion, second and vote, the minutes were approved.

Lee Tepper presented the Financial Report (attached)* and Jim Plank, Budget Chair, presented the budget for the upcoming fiscal year (attached)*. The board recommended an increase of \$1000 to the program budget, \$200 per focus group to be used for advocacy and/or education. Some of the funds may come from the EDU budget item with approval from the state League. Dorine Real presented the motion, seconded by JoAn Blackstone. Motion passed unanimously. After a motion, second and vote, the 2017-18 budget was approved.

Patricia Marien, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the recommended officers, board members and off-board Committee chairs to serve in 2017-18. There were no additional recommendations from the floor. After a motion, second and vote, the recommended slate of officers, board members and off-board committee chairs were elected to serve for the coming year. Patricia also presented the three appointed directors for 2017-18 (below). The board and members thanked retiring Director JoAn Blackstone for her long and productive service, and welcomed Don Kirkpatrick as a new Director.

To comply with changes made at the National League Convention, changes were proposed to Article III, Section 2 of the local by-laws to read: ***Section 2: Types of Membership***: The membership of the League shall be composed of the following:

- a. **Persons** at least **16** years of age who join the League shall be voting members.
- b. Associate League members shall be those under **16** years of age.

- c. Life Members: Honorary Life members are those who have been members of League for 50 years and are therefore exempt from paying dues.

Changes passed without discussion.

In an effort to clarify our program priorities from 2016, the board proposed minor changes to our position on Special Districts. The revised position :
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 as **available**.
- 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 **or full financial reviews** 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, updated 2017.
JoAn Blackstone moved, Roberta Brockschmidt seconded the changes. Changes approved by the membership.

Because the State league invited local league to skip review of existing positions and cut straight to evaluating which issues to focus on in the current two year cycle, the membership workshopped priority positions for 2017-18 at the January meeting. The results were published in the February Voter and were reprinted in the April issue with the Annual Meeting Packet. The six issues identified were:

IMMIGRATION – Jane Person reported on a justice group organized by Rabbi Margaret Holub to assist those seeking citizenship to meet the costs of application. It was also noted that Fort Bragg city council has resolved to not actively aid ICE agents in pursuit of undocumented community members. In addition it was reported that a citizenship class offered by the Adult School in Fort Bragg welcomes volunteers to assist with tutoring the

citizenship students.

ENVIRONMENT – Regarding environmental issues the discussion suggested adding land use as well as potential sale of public lands.

HEALTH CARE – At the beginning of the meeting the secretary announced the idea of presenting an informational forum on a single payer health care plan and asked for suggestions for or participation in such a meeting. There was no further discussion during the program review.

MENTAL HEALTH – Since the program following the annual meeting from Supervisor Dan Gjerde and Camille Schraeder of Redwood Community Services was a review of mental health issues, there was no further discussion on the topic during the review.

DEMOCRACY – Cindy Plank presented a brief review of ongoing efforts on our core mission of voter registration and education working locally and in concert with LWVC and LWVUS. It was suggested that we offer to partner with public school civics teachers to present programs. We also discussed having more evening meetings to encourage attendance. Our commitment to speak out on human and civil rights violations as well as the importance of civil discourse was reiterated.

ORGANIZATION BUILDING – Evening meetings were also suggested as a tool for growing the local league and the idea of offering scholarships for persons wishing to be voting members but cannot afford the dues. The issues presented in the Program Review were approved on a motion from Charlene McAllister and a second by Jary Stavely.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:52 and the membership welcomed the guest speakers on one of our priority issues.

Following the program, everyone enjoyed a potluck provided by members which was highlighted by a choice of excellent soups from board members Lee Tepper and Dorine Real of the Westport Hotel.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Gilligan, Secretary

2018-2019 Proposed Budget

	17-18 budget	18-19 budget
Income		
Dues	\$3,360.00	\$3,300.00
Donations	\$600.00	\$4,750.00
Fund Raising	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Interest on bank accounts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Drawdown from savings	\$2,520.00	\$640.00
total	\$7,980.00	\$10,190.00
Expenses		
PMP US	\$1,792.00	\$1,760.00
50% from edu funds	\$896.00	\$880.00
50% from LWV Mendocino	\$896.00	\$880.00
PMP CA	\$1,428.00	\$1,540.00
25% from edu funds	\$357.00	\$385.00
75% from LWV Mendocino	\$1,071.00	\$1,155.00
total PMP	\$3,220.00	\$3,300.00
Conventions/Workshops	\$800.00	\$3,000.00
Smart Voter	\$400.00	\$400.00
Program	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
Voter	\$200.00	\$300.00
Operating Expenses	\$1,120.00	\$1,100.00
Video Service	\$100.00	\$100.00
Publicity	\$150.00	\$150.00
Membership	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fund Raising	\$100.00	\$150.00
Insurance	\$180.00	\$180.00
Special Events	\$300.00	\$300.00
Web Site	\$160.00	\$160.00
45% from edu funds	\$72.00	
55% from LWV Mendocino	\$88.00	
total	\$7,980.00	\$10,190.00

Program (expense detail)	17-18 budget	18-19 budget
Immigration	\$200.00	\$0.00
Environment	\$200.00	\$300.00
Health Care	\$200.00	\$0.00
Mental Health	\$200.00	\$0.00
Making Democracy Work	\$200.00	\$400.00
Organization Building	\$200.00	\$300.00
total	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00

Nominating Committee Recommendations

The nominating committee recommends the following slate for the 2018-19 year:

Co-President:	Nancy Kleiber
Co-President:	Cindy Plank
Vice President:	Dorine Real
Secretary:	Sharon Gilligan
Treasurer:	Lee Tepper
Elected Directors:	Jary Stavely Jane Person Pat Dunbar Babs Levine Carol Czadek
Appointed Directors:	Pat Dunbar Patricia Marien Meg Courtney
Off-Board Chairs	
Nominations:	Art Morley
Budget:	Jim Plank

Program Proposal

The following program proposal was developed by the membership at the February 2018 meeting and is presented for ratification.

ISSUES FOR EMPHASIS

Democracy including:

- LWVUS campaign Making Democracy Work
 - our traditional voter service activities
 - civil discourse
- (28 commitments)

Environment including:

- Climate change
 - Offshore oil
 - Planning for the mill site
- (12 commitments)

Organizational Development including:

- expanding and diversifying membership
- (8 commitments)

DORMANT/TOPICS TO WATCH:

Health including

- Hospital

Immigration / Immigrant Rights

Behavioral Health

LWVUS National Positions

A summary of the League's national positions can be found here:

<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/book/summary-public-policy-positions>

The full positions are here:

<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/book/impact-issues-2016-2018-online-edition>

State Propositions on the June Ballot

PROP 68 *California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act* (Bond measure)

LWVC recommends a YES vote.

PROP 69 *Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes* (constitutional amendment)

LWVC recommends a YES vote.

PROP 70 *Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund*

LWVC recommends a NO vote.

PROP 71 *Effective Date of Initiatives*

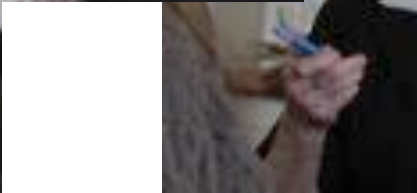
LWVC recommends a YES vote.

PROP 72 *Property taxation: new construction: rain water capture system*

LWVC recommends a YES vote.

Meet and Greet 2018

Clockwise from right: LWVMC Co-President Nancy Kleiber; Co-President Cindy Plank and Supervisor Dan Gjerde; Sherriff Tom Allman with member Rachel Binah; County Superintendant of Schools candidate Bryan Barrett and member Judy Tichinin; Mendocino Coast Recreation and Parks District board member Kirk Marshall with Schools candidate Michelle Hutchins; Congressman Jared Huffman's representative Sheba Brown; District Attorney David Eyster.
Photos by Becky Bowen.



Thank you
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 officials,
 volunteers,
 North Coast
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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization. We don't support or oppose parties or candidates. We protect the right to vote, encourage informed participation in government, and advocate for issues in the public interest.

We are an organization of women and men 16 years of age and older. We invite you to join us.

LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

DEFENDERS OF DEMOCRACY



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www.mendo.ca.lwvnet.org

INFORMATION SOURCES

VOTER REGISTRATION |
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration

PRE-REGISTRATION |
www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pre-register-16-vote-18

CALIFORNIA VOTER FOUNDATION |
www.calvoter.org

EASY VOTER GUIDE |
www.easyvoterguide.org