

The Voter

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This month's meeting ...

Local League will Consider New Priorities and Positions

by Nancy Kleiber

Tuesday, February 12 is the date we will gather at the Caspar Community Center to share ideas and plan specific areas of focus for our group during the rest of 2019, and into 2020. Charlene McAllister, Dorine Real, and Nancy Kleiber will lead us in considering which paths to take and how to take them. The meeting will begin at 10 AM, with doors open at 9:30 for coffee, tea, and conversation.

The Program Planning meeting is one of the most important

meetings of the League year. It is the time when we prioritize our issues for the next year. We will decide where and how we will focus our resources—member time, money, and reputation. We are a grassroots organization, and Program Planning is one of the ways for all of us to contribute in a meaningful way. We all have the **opportunity and the responsibility** to participate in setting our course for the future. We all can add our voices.

At the LWVUS convention last June, the League readopted a national "Campaign for Making Democracy Work" program, with a focus on

Voter protection and mobilization



- Election reform
- Money in politics, constitutional amendment, and redistricting

At the last California League Convention in 2017 there was agreement to make certain the League's membership and leadership more accurately reflected California's rich diversity.

In addition to these national and state areas of emphasis and our voter service activities, this past year our local Mendocino County League has focused on climate change and civil discourse, as agreed at our program meeting a year ago. At the February meeting, we will determine our local League's focus for

the upcoming (2019-20) program year.

We will also review proposed policy positions to be submitted to the State League convention in May. So far there are three position changes developed by other units that have been offered for consideration and concurrence by our chapter. They are in the areas of Voter Representation, Criminal Justice, and Civil Discourse. Please read the details of these proposals on p. 9 of this *Voter*.

The Board and I look forward to seeing and hearing you on February 12. Be ready to put your ideas out there, and to move around the room expressing yourself and giving feedback. There will be dots!

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.

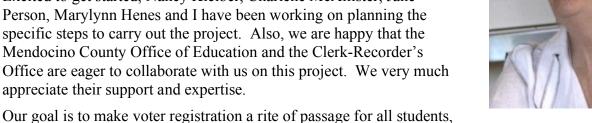
President's message ...

Participate in the High School Registration Project

by Cindy Plank

Are you looking for some fun? We have the perfect opportunity. You may have read in last month's Voter that our League has been awarded a small grant called the "2019 Youth Voter Registration Project". The grant comes to us through the national League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVUSEF). The purpose of this grant is to register as many high school youth as possible throughout Mendocino County.

Excited to get started, Nancy Kleiber, Charlene McAllister, Jane Person, Marylynn Henes and I have been working on planning the specific steps to carry out the project. Also, we are happy that the Mendocino County Office of Education and the Clerk-Recorder's Office are eager to collaborate with us on this project. We very much appreciate their support and expertise.



and this project is meant to build on civic education that already occurs in the schools.

We have a tight time frame, since the final grant reports are required to be completed and submitted by the end of June. And with spring breaks, proms, testing, etc., toward the latter part of the semester, we plan to be visiting schools within the next few weeks, concentrating on assisting high school seniors to register or preregister to vote.

We anticipate providing info and encouraging voter registration for up to 1,000 students across the county, and we will need many volunteers. Do you have an hour to spare? Here are three ways in which help is needed:



Annie Kalantarian, button artist

- New voters need information to get them excited and confident about their new role in making choices about important issues. Assembling the little packets of voter information to give each high school senior is a volunteer opportunity just waiting for you!
- Do you know how to use a button making machine, or would you like to learn that new skill? We will be including several specially designed buttons, created by Annie Kalantarian, a Mendocino College Art student and Mendo HS graduate, in those voter information packets.
- We would also be oh, so happy if you know of a group or business interested in contributing a donation to cover some of the expenses that will be in excess of our small grant, and to keep the project vibrant, with the long term goal of including all high school students.

The youth are our future. Empowering the voters of tomorrow is what LWV of Mendocino County will be doing this spring. Please join us and be part of this exciting adventure! Call Cindy at 357-4282, or email cindyplank@gmail.com.

Youth Voter Registration Project Timeline

On January 25, League Co-Presidents Nancy Kleiber and Cindy Plank (LWVMC) met with newly elected County Schools Superintendent Michele Hutchins, Education Specialist Jennifer McCauley, and Accounting Assistant Nicole Phillips (MCOE people). Here is the timeline they developed for the Youth Registration Project, to serve the approximately 1,000 high school seniors in Mendocino County.

January:

LWVMC will coordinate with the Assessor-Clerk-Recorder for voter registration training/tips for classroom volunteers and acquire needed number of paper voter registration forms.

MCOE will send an email to school districts to inform them of the Youth Voter Registration Project and the collaboration of MCOE, LWVMC and Mendocino County Clerk's office in carrying it out.

MCOE will begin work on a press release announcing the project, and design a voter info card/flyer with MCOE/LWV/Elections logos and LWVMC contact info, as well as classroom posters.

February:

MCOE will send invitations to high schools to have LWVMC schedule classroom visits to Government/Civics classes to offer voter registration/pre-registration and information to students.

LWVMC will schedule March dates/times with schools/ and teachers, based on responses, and will keep MCOE informed.

LWVMC and volunteers will make motivational vote buttons.

LWVMC and volunteers will assemble student voter information packets, to include pocket constitutions; LWV business cards with links to voter information online; Voter's Edge bookmarks; fact-checking links; Every Vote Counts stickers; the previously mentioned motivational buttons; and "I Pledge to Vote" response cards.

March:

LWVMC will conduct scheduled classroom visits to offer voter registration/re-registration process to senior students in Government/Civics classes.

LWVMC will keep MCOE informed of progress.

MCOE will prepare press releases about project progress.

LWVMC possibly to present info to MCOE Board at March 11 meeting.

April:

LWVMC will conduct any remaining classroom visits, keeping MCOE informed of progress.

MCOE will prepare wrap up press releases.

May/June:

LWVMC will prepare and submit 2019 Youth Voter Registration Project final report & budget.

Another Way to Support Our Youth ...

League member Barbara Rice, president of the Friends of Mendocino College Coast Center, has published the following invitation to coastal residents:

Our Dine-Out to Support College Students is next week, Wednesday, February 6th. Please join us for dinner at the MacCallum House. All profits thatnight will go to assist local students with textbooks, supplies and instructional materials to boost their success. You can make reservations by calling the restaurant, 1-800-609-0492 or book through their website,

https://www.maccallumhouse.com/dining/reservations.php.

League Holds Carbon Sequestration Forum: Soil Health for Carbon Drawdown in the Face of Climate Change

by Jary Stavely

100 people crowded into the south room of the Caspar Community Center on the evening of January 8 to participate in the League's program about storing carbon in the soil through careful farming. Elizabeth Guimarin, of Soil Health Watch, presented an hour long symposium about healthy, carbon-rich soils and how they are developed. Later, she entertained questions from the audience, and invited local farmers to share information about their techniques and operations.

She prefaced her presentation by asking the audience to "imagine if, in the face of climate change, California could draw down enough carbon to moderate [the] extreme weather of drought and floods to be more beautiful, bountiful, and prosperous." To begin, she described how trees and plants synthesize sugars from the carbon dioxide and water in the air, and then share these sugars with soil microbes, which, in exchange, feed the plant. This process, as well as the decomposition of plant material like leaves, builds the soil, and deposits carbon there. It also begins the development of the "soil food web," by which the microbes (bacteria and fungi) are eaten by larger animals such as the familiar earthworm, and then larger ones, in a cycle for healthy soils, as plants and animals grow and then decay, allowing for future growth.

According to her analysis, a key factor in healthy soils is the presence of sticky "aggregates"— combinations of plant and fungal debris, silt, clay, partially decomposed organic matter, and mycorrhizal fungi, which incorporate extra room for water within their structure. These aggregates give healthy soils their characteristic appearance of being dark, crumbly, and airy. The more aggregates in the soil, the more carbon and water they can store. Ms. Guimarin shared charts showing that for each addition of 1% organic matter, the soil gains 0.58% of carbon, and each acre of such soil gains 17,000 to 25,000 gallons of water.

Healthy, aggregate-rich soils take carbon dioxide out of the air and sea, where it contributes to global warming and ocean acidification. They also act like a sponge to absorb more water during rainstorms, lessening runoff and erosion, while mitigating the effects of drought and floods.

The presentation also included a dramatic infra-red photo of a small patch of ground with a few weeds on it, taken during a period of sunlight. The portion of the photo covered by dandelion leaves was much cooler than the bare soil, illustrating the utility of plant cover in keeping land temperatures lower, and in keeping moisture in the soil. Thus we have the phenomenon of urban areas being hotter than plantcovered rural ones. Bare earth causes more evaporation, and breaks down aggregates, leading to the degradation of the soil into dust, as occurred, famously, in the Midwest during the 1930's. As the soil becomes dust, it also loses carbon, along with its productivity for farming and gardening. She asked the audience to consider how large-scale, even "organic" agriculture is conducted—in long rows with lots of bare soil to keep weeds from interfering. A key difference, then, between "degenerative" and "regenerative" agriculture consists in keeping soil that is not producing food covered with plant life. This can be done through the use of cover crops in fallow fields, and through using no-till methods which allow non-producing plants to remain in place (even if unwatered) alongside producing plants. Livestock can also be managed in a way that keeps the soil from being denuded.

Ms. Guimarin proceeded to show how the promotion of Carbon Farming can be beneficial for the future of the planet. Several projects have been established to maximize agriculture's potential for moving excess greenhouse gases from the atmosphere into soil and vegetation. Converting to regenerative agricultural methods would benefit both growers and ecosystems by providing

- Higher nutrient availability and turnover
- Increased rain infiltration and water holding capacity
- Reduced flooding
- Increased resilience to droughts
- Reduced or zero irrigation
- Reduced or zero use of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides
- Increased productivity and higher quality

• Higher profitability

Land Use was one of the six action areas identified at the Paris Climate Accord, and Increasing Carbon Storage is an important part of the roadmap for reaching net zero emissions by 2050. She stated that California is regarded internationally as a key area for demonstrating the possibility of reaching that goal. According to statistics she cited, the loss in carbon contained in the soil and life forms during the industrial era can be regained. Although it has been estimated that soil carbon has depleted globally by 50–70%, restoring degraded grasslands (now 40% of global land surfaces) could lower greenhouse gas emissions to pre-industrial levels within decades.

Action for promoting carbon drawdown through healthier soils is taking place on several levels in California.

- 1) The state has established the CA Climate Smart Agriculture—Healthy Soils Program, funded through the Cap & Trade Program funds, Prop 68 (approved last June), and AB2377. Over 10 years, it is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 117,600 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of taking more than 25,000 cars off the road each year.
- 2) Active research to facilitate carbon storage is taking place at UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and CSU Chico.
- 3) Ecosystem Restoration Camps are teaching farmers and gardeners at several sites around the state.
- 4) More and more organic and conventional farms are becoming regenerative through the private efforts of their operators, in programs such as Climate Victory Gardens.
- 5) Efforts are underway to expand soil health to urban areas through greenbelts, park expansion, and community gardens.

Ms. Guimarin concluded her presentation by asking, What can we do? and offering these answers:

- 1. Share your understanding of Soil Health Principles, and how carbon is drawn down and stored in soils to stabilize the climate.
- 2. Do something where you live in your own garden, yard, school, business, park, or farm to improve soil health

3. Educate your state representatives, and ask them to support the Climate Smart Agriculture, Healthy Soils Program.

At this point members of the audience contributed their own ideas of what they could do personally to promote soil health and combat climate change. Suggestions included reducing consumption; changing public perception from thinking about it as an environmental issue to a public health/survival issue; practicing restraint in weeding; converting ornamental plantings to food production; planting more trees; and using a compost pile instead of one's garbage disposal.

Gowan Batiste of Fortunate Farm then discussed her involvement with the Carbon Farm Plan of the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. She and her farm are engaged in a two-year effort to develop a 20-year plan for increasing carbon storage, pasture health, and water quality on their land. She expressed excitement at the opportunity she has had to work with a variety of scientists, government representatives and university professors on the project. She said it was "weird, but helpful," to have such a high level of expertise and involvement going on. It is hoped that more projects can be established in Mendocino County, now that it has its own coordinator.

Several other local gardeners also shared their involvement with regenerative agriculture. Matt Drewno, from Willits, is co-ordinating Victory Gardens for Peace in the county, and teaches biointensive mini-farming for Ecology Action. Jaime Jensen is measuring the increase in carbon storage at the Stanford Inn gardens, and invited members of the audience to visit. Linda Leitner of the Senior Center garden has room for volunteers to learn healthy soils techniques on Monday afternoons. Sara Kelfman and Kim Morgan from the Noyo Food Forest told about how their garden serves the Fort Bragg schools by providing fresh vegetables for the lunch program, as well as student training in good gardening.

The evening concluded with a number of animated conversations around the meeting room.

(Find more Soil Health resources in the box on p. 7)

LWVUS Updates

The citizenship question in the 2020 census was recently struck down by a federal judge. The League celebrates this victory as we stand opposed to this question's inclusion in the census. A news report is at https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/15/us/census-citizenship-question.html.

The League's official statement is at http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13327&utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=011719&okay=true

The Wisconsin League joined a lawsuit seeking to invalidate *lame duck session* legislation which was passed to try to restrict the power of the new governor and attorney general elected in November. The report can be found at https://www.lwv.org/blog/lwv-wisconsin-sues-over-unconstitutional-lame-duck-session?utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=011719

LWVNC v. Rucho (the lawsuit seeking redress from gerrymandering in North Carolina) is headed to the U.S. Supreme Court and the court has added the Maryland case, Benisek v. Lamone, to the mix. This addition gives the court an opportunity to review multiple redistricting cases where both political parties gerrymandered. Read more at https://www.lwv.org/blog/know-league-women-voters-v-rucho?utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=011719

On January 14, 2019, LWV of New York celebrated the passage of a comprehensive *voting reform* package that includes early voting, same day voter registration, and primary consolidation in the state of New York. The League of Women Voters of New York played a critical role in securing the passage of these crucial reforms and will continue to work with the legislature and governor to ensure proper roll-out of these new policies. Read more at <a href="https://blog.timesunion.com/capitol/archives/285565/election-reform-react-o-mat/capitol/archives/28565/election-reform-react-o-mat/capitol/archives/28565/election-reform-react-o-mat/capitol/archives/28565/election-reform-react-o-mat/capitol

Rosalyn Terborg-Penn, a historian who helped bring to light the long-suppressed role of black women in the women's suffrage movement, died on December 25 at her home in Columbia, MD. She was 77. Read more about her work at

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/04/obituaries/rosalyn-terborg-penn-dead.html

Climate Change Webinar: Two important climate reports issued late in 2018 underscore the urgent need for decisive climate action. World-renowned climate scientist Professor Michael Oppenheimer will discuss the meaning and implications of these two reports in a webinar sponsored by the LWV of Massachusetts on Wednesday, February 6, 1–2 PM PST. The webinar is free, but pre-registration is required. Register at

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_10Z934sVQ2Oi LIsW_-upzg.

You'll receive a confirmation email from Zoom with webinar details. The webinar will be recorded and available to webinar registrants.

Joint Letter on Climate Change: The League joined a letter urging Congress to move forward with bold and ambitious legislation that addresses climate change in a serious manner. This letter was signed by more than 600 progressive organizations. Please note that the League still firmly supports an effort to place a price on carbon despite opposition expressed within the letter. We will continue to work with the LWVUS Climate Change Task Force to analyze any and all legislation that addresses climate change. The letter can be found at

https://www.lwv.org/environment/league-joins-over-600-organizations-urging-support-bold-climate-action?utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=011719

From National

League Gets Behind For The People Act

Join LWVUS for a webinar briefing on HR1, the For the People Act, the first democracy reform agenda bill introduced in the House of Representatives in the 116th Congress. LWVUS staff will provide an overview of the legislation, detail what provisions the League is fighting for, and talk about grassroots engagement with Congress as well as opportunities to engage at state and local levels. The webinar will be held on Tuesday, February 5 at 4:00 PM Eastern. Register at: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5586790500747937794

The League has joined with a coalition of groups collecting signatures on a new petition that will be delivered to Congress supporting HR1, the For the People Act. Add your name to the petition, and help us build support for this comprehensive piece of democracy reform legislation. By adding your name, you agree to receive occasional emails on this and related campaigns from other participating organizations.

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/congress-wedemand-a-democracy-that-works-forus?source=121318swap-lwv&referrer=group-league-of-women-voters-of-the-united-states

The League has been actively pushing for support in the U.S. House of Representatives for HR1, the For the People Act. The League sent a letter of support to all members of Congress highlighting the need for legislation out of civil rights concerns. Read it at https://www.lwv.org/expanding-voter-access/league-sends-letter-us-house-addressing-

hr1?utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=011719

Civility Meeting

by Meg Courtney

At the end of our April 2018 meeting about civil discourse, several folks signed up to begin an ongoing group to practice it in a safe way. Meg volunteered to co-ordinate. This report tells about what her tireless efforts have produced. -Editor

On Sunday morning, January 27, a sturdy group of 12 of us met at the Caspar Community Center. It was a lovely day so we met on the back porch, away from the clean-up of the wonderful Caspar Breakfast.

The goal of this meeting was to have a conversation on several topics that we had available, and to be aware of respecting and listening to others speak—to practice civility, in other words. Because of the anger & divisiveness in our country these days, many communities have stepped up to have these civility meetings and they seem to be quite successful.

We divided the group into two tables; there were several open-ended questions on each table and the first task was to choose a question. Each table had an "observer" who kept track of those who made comments, asked questions, or interrupted. The observer stayed mute, and we learned later that that was a bit difficult for them. There was no judgment

expressed about the record that was made, but the results were left on the table for folks to see on their own

The conversations took about an hour and all seemed happy to have had the experience and we want to do it again—in fact we'd like to do it once a month. Caspar says they will accommodate us after the Breakfast at 11 AM on the 4th Sunday of the month.

We would love to have folks of every persuasion and political thought join us to make a very diverse conversation. If you would like to join us please contact Meg Courtney: mcourtney1@mcn.org. Thank you!

More Resouces for Soil Health

Soil Health Watch:

http://www.soilcarbonwatch.org/index.html

California Climate & Agriculture Network (CalCAN): http://calclimateag.org/

California Healthy Soils Initiative: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/healthysoils/

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS): https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/soils/health/

Keith Wyner videotaped the entire program, and has made it available on You Tube. Look for "Soil Health for Carbon Drawdown in the Face of Climate Change with Elizabeth Guimarin PMP":

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UwTU5Pg wdRs&feature=youtu.be

Don't forget these special meetings ...

March 15, **5 PM**:

"Meet & Greet Your Local Officials"

May 14, 10 AM:

Annual Meeting/Luncheon/

Election of Officers

Concurrence Proposals from Elsewhere in California

Voter Representation/Election Process.

Proposed by Sacramento County League of Women Voters: "We are proposing our current LWVC Elections Systems position under Government, which supports a particular election method, be replaced with this concurrence position." All language is taken from LWVUS Principles and various State positions as noted.

Position in Brief: Support election methods at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable and enhance representation for all voters.

Position in Full: The LWV-CA promotes an open governmental system that is representative, accountable and responsive. (LWVUS)

We encourage election methods that provide the broadest voter representation possible, have a positive effect on voter participation, and are expressive of voter choices. (AZ & CO)

Whether for single or multiple winner contests, the League supports election methods that: encourage voter participation and voter engagement; encourage those with minority opinions to participate, including under-represented communities; are verifiable and auditable; promote access to voting; promote competitive elections; maximize effective votes / minimize "wasted" votes; promote sincere voting over strategic voting; discourage negative campaigning; encourage meaningful discussion of issues; require the winner to receive a majority of the votes for executive and other single seat offices; are compatible with acceptable ballot-casting methods, including vote-by-mail. (LWVUS, ME, OR, CA, MN, MA, FL, NC, OK, SC, VT, WA, Santa Monica)

The LWV-CA believes in representative government. The League supports systems that elect policy-making bodies—legislatures, councils, commissions, and boards—that proportionally reflect the people they represent. We support systems that inhibit political manipulation (e.g. gerrymandering).

The LWV-CA supports enabling legislation to allow local jurisdictions to explore alternative election methods, as well as supporting state election laws allowing for more options at both the state and local levels. With the adoption of any election system, the League believes that education of the voting public is important and funding for startup and voter education

should be available. We encourage a concerted voter education process. (LWVUS, AZ, CA, OR, SC, WA)

Criminal Justice: Proposed by he LWVC Task Force on Criminal Justice Reform.

Position in Brief: LWV-California supports: a criminal justice system that is just, effective, equitable, transparent, and that fosters public trust at all stages, including policing practices, pre-trial procedures, sentencing, incarceration, and re-entry; the elimination of systemic bias, including the disproportionate policing and incarceration of marginalized communities;

policing practices that promote safety for both law enforcement officers and the communities they serve; collaboration between government and communitybased programs throughout every stage of the criminal justice system;

a focus on humane treatment and rehabilitation with the goal of promoting the successful re-entry into California communities of those who have been incarcerated; and

reliance on evidence-based research in decisionmaking about law-enforcement programs and policies.

Civil Discourse: Proposed byhe League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County The following in *italics* are additions to the existing government position:

The League supports policies and actions which achieve a responsive and representative government, promote civil discourse, increase citizen understanding of finances and greater involvement of the public and staff in budget making and long-range financial planning, and provide for the periodic evaluation of locally levied taxes, licenses, and fees. The League supports policies and actions which promote the effective operation of citizen advisory commissions, committees, task forces, and other advisory bodies. These include the following actions:

... Promote civil discourse through action and education for all government bodies, staff, and citizens for the purpose of improved public policy decisions and processes. Civil discourse means, at a minimum, mutually respectful, courteous, constructive, and orderly communication.

February 1, 2019

Dear Supporters and Friends,

LWVMC Memberships, 2018-2019

We would like to invite any of you who are not members to consider joining. The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County is part of both the state and national organizations. The full amount of regular dues—\$60.00 for an individual membership or \$90.00 for a 2-member household—is passed on to the U.S. and California Leagues to support their efforts towards making democracy work and preserving our world. If you prefer to support our local efforts, you can designate your contribution (in any amount) as a donation. Joining at the extra levels listed below also generates funds for our local efforts. Either way you are welcome to participate in our work, and to receive our newsletter, the *Voter*.

- Susan B. Anthony, co-founder of the National Woman Suffrage Association.
- Amelia Bloomer, was the first woman to own, operate and edit a newspaper, *The Lily*, which promoted women's rights issues.
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton, co-founder and first president of the National Woman Suffrage Association
- Carrie Chapman Catt ,founder of the League of Women Voters: "Winning the vote is only an opening wedge -- learning to use it is a bigger task."
- Another individual who chose to make a difference was Frederick Douglass, who spoke at the Seneca
 Falls women's rights convention urging women not to compromise on their demand for the vote.
 Donations to our League's Frederick Douglass Diversity Fund will be used to support discounted or
 waived memberships for people who will bring more diversity to our group.

Thank you for your interest in a committed group of women and men who are working to make a difference in the future of our community and our world.

Jary Stavely Membership Chair

Name(s)		
Memberships:	Student	@ \$5*
	Susan B. Anthony Individual	@ \$60
	Amelia Bloomer Household	@ \$90
	Elizabeth Cady Stanton	@ \$100
	Carrie Chapman Catt	@ \$250
Donations:	Friend of the League	@ \$40
	Frederick Douglass Diversity Fund	
	LWVMC Education Fund (tax de	eductible)
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^{*} The student membership fee can be waived. Write, "Please waive," on the amount line. Please make checks payable to LWVMC. Mail checks to P.O. Box 1128, Fort Bragg CA 95437. Sorry, only Education Fund donations are tax-deductible.