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April 2015

SCHOOL CLIMATE TRANSFORMATION RESTORATIVE RESOURCES AND MORE

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Santa Rosa City Council Chamber
100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa

Socorro Shiels - Superintendent, Santa Rosa City School

Bill Carle - Santa Rosa School Board

Gabriel Albavera - Student and Family Engagement
PLUS

A Teacher and 2 Students

In an effort to reduce the number of suspensions and expulsions in schools, a pilot program using Restorative Justice was installed in one high and one junior high school last year. The program was so successful that this school year it has been adopted in all the high and junior high schools in Santa Rosa City Schools. Because of its success, the schools have received grants to not only continue the program but to expand it to address other problems that students are experiencing which are negatively influencing their performance in schools.

The forum will explain why the program began, how it evolved, what the costs are, and what the experience has been for teacher and students.

Questions? Please contact Nancy Richards 575-7160,
Or nancyr@sonic.net

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2015

ANNUAL MEETING

BUSINESS MEETING 9:30 AM
LUNCH AND SPEAKER 12:30PM

Rohnert Park Senior Center
6800 Hunter Drive,
Rohnert Park

Guest Speaker – Alison Howard,
Assistant Professor,
Political Science and International
Studies
Dominican University of California

More details in the May VOTER



Delegates Needed!



Register Now!

May 15-17, 2015
in San Diego

Visit <http://lwvc.wordpress.com>
for more information

League of Women Voters of California Convention 2015

This is a great opportunity to experience the League at work and participate in the decision making regarding plans for the coming two years. You can do this whether or not you are a board member—of course we need volunteers for that as well!

The League has accomplished a lot, but our mission is not complete, so please consider this as a way to become more involved.

For more information, link to <https://lwvc.wordpress.com/>

Contact Juanita Roland or Lynda Hunderford if you are interested in doing this.

Where: Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, 910 Broadway Circle, San Diego, CA 92101

When: Friday, May 15 – Sunday May 17

LWVSC NEEDS YOU!

The Nominating Committee is requesting nominations for Officers and Directors to the Board to serve for the 2015-2016 year. Acceptance of the duties is generally for one year and run from July 1 to June 30.

Please send suggestions, nominations, and comments to Linda Garcia, Nominating Committee Chair at drc_lcg@pacbell.net or call 707-795-3236.

LWVSC Calendar

Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 1st, 10 am to Noon.

Voter's Services Committee: Thursday, April 2nd, 10:30 am, to discuss a forum for the June's countywide sales tax measure.

Advocacy Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 8th, 10:30 am.

April's Program: School Climate Transformation. Wednesday, April 15th, Santa Rosa City Council Chamber, 100 Santa Rosa Ave, Santa Rosa. See page 1 for further details.

Book Club: Thursday, April 16, 10:30 am. See page 5 for details.

Annual Meeting: Saturday, May 30th. Business meeting at 9:30 am; lunch and speaker at 12:30 pm. See page 1 for further details.

LWVSC meetings are in the third floor Conference Room at the LWVSC office, 555 5th Street, Santa Rosa.

LWVSC Board meetings are open to all LWVSC members, and to the public upon request. All other meetings are open to the public.

Visit our [website](#) for updated calendar information.

"Decide...whether or not the goal is worth the risks involved. If it is, stop worrying..."

Amelia Earhart

Voter Service Committee's Outreach to High Schools

Volunteers Needed!

Last year your Sonoma County League of Women Voters began a new program going into high school classes to inform the students on the importance of voting. We were able to speak to civics and social studies classes at Elsie Allen and El Molino High Schools. We would like to expand the program this year but will need volunteers. It entails either presenting the information or just helping the students fill out the voter registration cards. If you are interested in helping, please contact Donna Roper at dodesr@aol.com or 869-9273.

Donna Roper
Voter Services Committee

In Memoriam Jean Gilmore 1923-2015

Our League is saddened to learn of the recent death of past member Jean Gilmore. Jean was a force and will be missed by all those who knew and respected her bright, and honest input as



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENT:

Spring is here. Can the Annual Meeting be far behind? No. Your board and nominating committee are working now to prepare for it.

The Annual Meeting is critical for our League's success. At the Annual Meeting, members elect officers and board members, approve a budget for the coming year, and select local programs for study and consensus. Priorities that we set at the Annual Meeting will guide the board when it allocates resources, which include both the League's money and our members' time. In addition, this is one of our best times for informal socializing during lunch, and we have an excellent speaker for after lunch.

To prepare for the business meeting your board needs your help. Please complete the form at our members only site <http://members.lwvsonoma.org> or call the office to have it sent to you. Instructions are on the form.

Lynda Hungerford

Higher Education Study

Two years ago at convention, the League of Women Voters of California adopted a study of higher education as part of its program. In the mean time, the problems facing students who want to further their education has become more and more apparent to the public. The time is right for us to complete this study so that the League can participate in the public discussion.

Although, the study has had a slow start, the materials are becoming available to local Leagues that want to participate in the study, and we are organizing a committee to guide us in our consensus process. Committee members will be expected to:

- Read pertinent articles posted monthly on a website. The first packet of information has been published. Go to <http://lwvc.org/study/education-0> to check it out.
- After August 2015, when the study guide is published, educate our members through articles in our Voter and, perhaps, local League meetings
- Conduct consensus in March 2016.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this study. Drop a line to president@lwvsonoma.org or leave a message on our office phone.

Lynda Hungerford

Lunch with League

Thanks to the hard work of Dee Dee Bridges and Nancy Richards our March 4th luncheon attracted a sell-out crowd of 43 members and guests who enjoyed the delicious food prepared by the culinary students at SRJC Culinary Institute. We listened to our newest county supervisor from Healdsburg, James Gore. Mr. Gore seems to have enthusiasm for his new job and wants to be accessible and responsive to his constituents. He is new, still on a learning curve, but trying to become familiar with what is going on in Sonoma County. Many of us did not know that much about him, but his knowledge after such a short time in office is extensive. It was another successful Lunch with League. By Carrie Anabo

BOOK CLUB READS

April 16th:

The Underground Girls of Kabul by Jenny Nordberg, 350 pages, 2014.
Moderated by Carrie Anabo

This book delves into the practice of “baca bosh” in which prepubescent girls are dressed and passed off as boys in Afghanistan. The culture and history behind this practice is explored. Investigative reporter Jenny Nordberg uncovers a secret in Afghanistan that asks what it means to be female and to be free. It’s a defiant piece of women’s history that no one has gone looking for. Until now.

Book Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month listed above at 10:30 am in the third floor Conference Room of 555 5th Street, Santa Rosa.

From LWW California:

We Demand Enforcement of “Motor Voter” Registration at the California DMV

The 20-year-old federal Motor Voter law (National Voter Registration Act) requires states to offer voter registration to people applying for or renewing a driver license or ID card at the Department of Motor Vehicles. However, in California the DMV does not make the process simple and accessible, and registrations are not reliably sent to elections officials.

We have joined forces with the ACLU and sent a pre-litigation notice letter to the Secretary of State, urging him to work with the DMV to enforce the law. Successful DMV registrations can help combat California’s poor voter registration rate.

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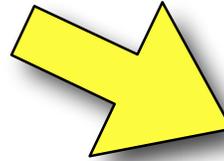
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League of Women Voters Sonoma County
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COUNTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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<i>Elizabeth Cady Stanton</i> Membership	\$100
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**Membership dues and donations
are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law**

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Program	Membership	Speakers Bureau
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Newsletter	Fundraising	CableTV
Smart Voter	Community Outreach	Website

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