

### *President's Message*

Fellow Leaguers,

I would like to take this time to thank each of you for all the hard work you did this past year. Your time and efforts this past election season as well as the community efforts that took place could not have been accomplished without your volunteer work.

I would like to thank the board for allowing me the opportunity to be acting-president in Rollin's absence. This experience was a learning experience for me that I am truly grateful for.

As the new League year approaches, I encourage all of you to network with those of the younger generations to promote membership, now that our membership age is sixteen. Getting the younger generations to learn about government, how it works, why it is important, and how they can make a difference will ensure the success of our local, state, and national League.

I hope you all have a great year!

Celeste Ruiz  
Acting-President

### *The League Annual Meeting: Fun and Productive* by Anne Hartline, Program Co-Chair

The 2017 LWVHC Annual Meeting, held on May 18, was both fun and productive, and if you weren't in attendance, you missed out! Fifty members WERE there at Humboldt Area Foundation for a delicious meal catered by Cassaro's Catering.

Following the meal, fifty-five members were present for a very productive meeting run expertly by our Acting President, **Celeste Ruiz**. In her President's Report, Celeste honored the State of the Community Committee, headed by **Judy Bennett**, for their hard work on yet another tremendously successful event.

Celeste also outlined other work done during the 2016 – 2017 League year including numerous Voter Service activities during the 2016 General Election. She went on to praise LWVHC efforts which involved conducting both the Weott and Bear River Tribal elections, and orchestrating and presenting informative panels on both Foster Care and the General Plan Update.

Important outcomes from the meeting include the following (please refer to your Annual Meeting Kit for specifics):

- Celeste was thanked by the outgoing Board for her willingness to step up as President on short notice;
- the proposed 2017 – 2018 budget was approved;
- the proposed Program for 2017 – 2018 was approved with a modification striking item #1 under "page 15, Grand Jury" since it was deemed unnecessary;
- the slate of nominees for the 2017 – 2018 Board was approved with the addition of two nominations from the floor for two 2-year directorships: **Kathy Johanson** and **Celeste Ruiz**;
- Two Leaguers of the Year were thanked for their tireless efforts for our League and applauded soundly: **Kay Escarda** and **Lorey Keele**;
- Two Leaguers were honored for having been members for 50 consecutive years:
- **Carol Johnson** and **Byrd Lochtie**;
- Numerous directions were given to the incoming Board including interest in a new study on Foster Care for 2017 – 2018, as well as an additional area for emphasis on Humboldt Harbor and Transportation in Humboldt County.

I think everyone came away from Annual Meeting energized and excited about what we've been doing and the work we'd like to see LWVHC undertake in 2017 – 2018. The question remains: With all this great work to do, what will YOU do to get involved?

Your new LWVHC Board urges you to think about ways that YOU would like to become involved in our work! We need all of you to bring our lofty goals to fruition.

## ***LWV Completes Another Marathon!*** by Kay Escarda

No, we did not **run** the Avenue of the Giants Marathon, but it almost seemed like it! As we arrived just north of Meyers Flat before 8:30 a.m., we came upon a Giant Redwood lying across the Avenue. It, along with a lot of debris on the roadway, was a victim of the strong winds over the weekend. **Rudy Ramp, Sylvia Shaw, Patricia-Anne WinterSun, and I** hiked around it, packing our gear, the 1½ miles to the aid station. **Carol Masterson, George Ojala, Dottie Riffenburg, Sharolyn Hutton, and Kathy Sattler** (the smart ones!) doubled back and came in through Weott. We managed to get set up and be ready for the 2,200 plus runners just in time.



**Kathy Sattler** and One of the Giants on the Avenue

It turned out to be a lovely warm day, and we served lots of fluid and fruit to the runners. We heard at least 1,000 “thank you for being here” comments and “Go League” as well. Thanks to Carol, our LWV Banner does get noticed! George kept yelling “Don’t forget to vote” before we encouraged him to change to “Register and Vote.” First-timer Sylvia outdid herself with “good job, runners” comments repeated at least 1,000 times! Kathy, Rudy, Dottie, and Sharolyn were super-efficient and Patricia-Anne did almost all the cleanup of thrown cups/trash, both north and south of our aid station. Rudy even crawled under my car to free up a dragging limb. My warmest thanks to all our wonderful League volunteers!

After our hike out and an eight+ hour day, we were home a little after three, tired but well-satisfied in a job well done. You might want to join us next year. We’ll be happy to have you there and so will the runners.

## ***A Thank You and A Request*** by Kay Escarda

Thank you LWVHC for the surprise honor of being named a League Member of the Year at the annual meeting. I was sure you were describing **Nancy Kay!** She managed to pull me into many of the activities SHE was chairing for the Board. I was simply her “accomplice.” League is just blessed with wonderful, accomplished, hardworking volunteers. It is hard to select any particular person out of the membership because so many are deserving.

On another note, I usually draw a shift or two at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July League booth registering voters and promoting the League. This year I have a house full of visitors, so....which of you will volunteer to fill my spot? Call **Carol Masterson** and sign up. It’s fun and you will feel good being an active part of League. If everyone does a bit, we all survive. And I’ll be back next year.

Gratefully, K

### **Welcome New Members**

**Robin Baker**

**Ann Diehl**

**Mary Ann Hansen**

**Jeanette Hurst**

**Barbara Mooney**

**Jim Zoellick**

**Rose Gale-Zoellick**

## Welcome New Board Member: Keith Snow-Flamer



Presently, I have a wonderful wife, two wonderful children—Brendyn and Candice—and six fabulous grandchildren. We also have three dogs and several horses.

As a young man, I had the honor of serving as a United States Marine Corps officer immediately following graduation from Eastern Washington University with a bachelor's degree in History. I worked for Kraft, Inc. as a national brand manager and as a mid-west sales representative for Mobil Oil, when I separated from active duty.

I realized, after six years of working in the private sector, that my real calling was to follow in my father's footsteps and work in higher education. Therefore, I packed up my young family and trekked across the country from Chicago to Spokane Washington to begin my higher education career as an admissions counselor for Eastern Washington University (EWU). While there, I picked up my Master's Degree in Public Administration at EWU and a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University.

I left Spokane immediately after completing my doctorate to take a job at McHenry County College (MCC) in Crystal Lake Illinois. While at MCC I was fortunate to serve as a Dean, Executive Dean and Associate Vice President. During this time, I also taught community college counseling courses at MCC and university junior/senior level courses in leadership development, communication, and group dynamics at Roosevelt University.

My tenure as an administrator at College of the Redwoods (CR) began in 2006 when I took the position of Vice President of Student Services. Over the past ten years at CR, I served as the Vice President of Student Services and the Vice President of Instruction and Student Development overseeing both academic and student services areas. After about two years as the Interim President (what I like to say was on-the-job training), the CR Board of Trustees decided to make me the permanent President of College of the Redwoods in April 2017.

Last year at a LWVHC function, I told a story about another local League, but for those of you who were

not in attendance, I would like to tell the story again. I was born into an Air Force family, and we moved from duty station to duty station. The first six years of my life was spent in Japan and Germany. Midway through my sixth year (according to my mother), we moved to Arlington, Virginia when my father started working at the Pentagon. It was during this time—as a young elementary schooler in mid-1960s Arlington—where I first came face to the face with racism. In the 1960s, Virginia state law prohibited whites and blacks from sitting next to one another at public meetings. It was during this time that the state government threatened under its “Massive Resistance” effort to close public schools that integrated under federal court orders. What I learned later was that Arlington's League of Women Voters, along with the NAACP, led the effort to preserve Arlington's public schools and push back on school segregation.

The moral and ethical stand that the League of Women Voters took with the NAACP in Arlington, Virginia is what inspired me to get involved with the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County.

### Good News

This week the [Supreme Court ruled that North Carolina lawmakers used racial considerations to draw congressional districts](#) following the 2010 Census. This decision is a major win in the battle for fair districts and the League is proud to have filed [an amicus brief](#) with the Campaign Legal Center in this case. Illegal gerrymanders have now been stuck down in 5 states: Alabama, Florida, Texas, Virginia, and now North Carolina.

Redistricting is a top priority for Leagues around the country, fighting for fairly drawn district lines and enforceable criteria to guard against political and racial gerrymandering. [We will continue to demonstrate leadership on this key voting rights issue](#) and hold our elected officials accountable when they attempt to influence the system for their own benefit.

Chris Carson, President, LWVUS

## *The Language of the League*

by Leslie Leach

The League of Women Voters is an entity large enough and important enough to have acquired its own vocabulary.

Following are the words and definitions from the “D – G” section of the Glossary of Terms Used by the League of Women Voters from the booklet *Writing for League* by the LWVC:

**DISCUSSION LEADER:** The person who guides the deliberations at a League meeting, often when it is aimed at reaching agreement on an issue; usually a person trained to encourage maximum participation and exchange of idea.

**DPM—DUPLICATE PRESIDENTS MAILING:** A duplicate of the mailing (e-mail or hard copy), which is sent periodically to all League presidents by the LWVC or the LWVUS. It included reports of business done at the last LWVUS or LWVC board meetings and provides necessary information about studies, legislation, and other activities of the League. A DPM can be sent to a local League of a member who requests and pays for the service.

**EDUCATION FUND—ED FUND:** The “tax-deductible” arm of the League, this fund underwrites educational projects. All levels of League can, and some do, establish their own Ed Fund. Those who do not wish to establish their own Ed Fund can deposit their tax-deductible contributions with the LWVUS or the LWVC. These monies are disbursed back to the contributing League, upon application and approval, for educational purposes.

**EIR—ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT:** A detailed statement prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) describing and analyzing the significant environmental effects of a project and discussing ways to mitigate or avoid the effects.

**EIS—ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT:** An environmental impact document prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

**EMERGENCY STUDY:** A study of an issue of such a serious and urgent nature that members be-

lieve must be dealt with before the next regular study adoption time. Bylaws spell out the procedures and circumstances under which such studies can be adopted.

**FACTS FOR VOTERS:** A brochure printed by the local League that lists the names, addresses, and terms of all elected officials as well as information on elections and voting.

**GENERAL MEETING:** A meeting to which all members are invited. The agenda may include outside speakers, presentation by a study committee, information on positions, and/or business matters.

**GRASSROOTS:** The League of Women Voters is governed first and foremost by its local Leagues. At state and national conventions, local League delegates decide policy, adopt the budget and bylaws changes, program, and action. It is a “bottom up” or grassroots organization.



### *Our Mission Statement...*

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

**MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK!**



## Become a Member!

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women aged 16 and up.

Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are not tax-deductible. Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax-deductible.

### Annual Dues are due each year on July 1.

Visit [www.LWVHC.org](http://www.LWVHC.org) or mail the form below!

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change. I am enclosing for my annual membership:

- \$75 Individual membership
- \$105 Household membership
- \$60 Associate membership
- Please accept my donation of \_\_\_\_\_
- Please send me more information
- I am interested in becoming a board member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

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### Who's Who in Your League Board

#### ADMINISTRATION

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 Director..... Nancy Kay  
 Director..... Julie Kelly  
 Director..... Leslie Leach  
 Director..... Byrd Lochtie  
 Director..... Mary Lou Lowry  
 Director..... Carol Masterson  
 Director..... Becky Simpson  
 Director..... Keith Snow-Flamer  
 Director..... Elaine Weinreb

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Government ..... Julie Kelly  
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 Communications Support ..... Kathy Johanson

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Marathon Fundraiser ..... Kay Escarda  
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 State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL)  
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#### COMMUNICATIONS

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 VOTER Circulation ..... Carolyn Otis

#### VOTER SERVICE

Voter Service Director ..... Becky Simpson  
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## ***Get Involved!***

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We all have a unique set of skills to contribute and limited time to afford. Working together we become a viable force for change. Call or email today to say you want to participate.

Visit [www.lwvhc.org](http://www.lwvhc.org) or call (707) 444-9252.

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## ***Our Diversity Policy***

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The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. Not only shall there be no barriers to membership and participation in the LWVHC on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, economic status, nor political affiliation, but also the LWVHC will actively seek to reflect the diversity of the community in its membership, board and programs.

## ***Making Democracy Work!***

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## ***LWVHC Calendar***

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Tue., June 6  
5:30 PM

Board Meeting  
League Office  
434 7th St., Eureka

Tue., July 4

Voter Service Opportunities  
In Eureka and Arcata