

### *President's Message*

First of all, I would like to welcome **Celeste Ruiz** to our Board of Directors. She was appointed to the board by the co-presidents for the remainder of this year. She was the convener of the Bear River Election Committee that worked with the League for the Bear River Election, and she is very eager to become more involved in the League. Welcome, Celeste!

By the time you read this VOTER, we will have held our 25th Annual State of the Community Luncheon, the foremost fundraiser for the League. I'm sure you will hear more about it in the June VOTER, but I can tell you one thing that we already know on Monday before the Luncheon. For the first time we have entirely **SOLD OUT!** The Adorni capacity is 400 people and we have reached that number five days before the event! Four hundred and six actually attended. Congratulations to the hard-working Steering Committee Chairs **Lois Busey** and **Nancy Kay** as well as all their fine committee members.

In this VOTER you will find information about candidate forums for the Primary Election. We will have a couple of forums on KEET-TV as well as a radio forum in Hoopa for their Tribal Council election. Please volunteer when **Carol Masterson** calls for your help.

I hope everyone enjoyed the VOTER in full color that was mailed to all members. We know most of you have access to the VOTER online, but we are not sure how many of you actually read it! So the board decided to send a paper copy to everyone twice a year. The April VOTER seemed a good one because of all the great photos of our State of the Community Awardees. We'd be interested to hear your feedback about this decision. Was it worth it?

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LWVHC  
**Annual Meeting 2016**

THURSDAY, MAY 19th

REGISTRATION & DINNER  
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MEETING 7 PM

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The next big day for all Leaguers is our Annual Meeting on May 19, 2016 at the Plaza Grill in Arcata. You should have received your Annual Meeting Kit by the end of April. It contains all the details about the Annual Meeting. Read it carefully as the date to sign up for dinner is early this year. Remember that this is the business meeting of the League, when we adopt our budget, elect new board members and officers, and approve our Program for 2016-17. We will also adopt a complete revision of our bylaws, so be sure to read the bylaws insert in your Annual Meeting Kit. We need a quorum in order to do our business, so please mark your calendar and attend. I hope to see all of you there!

*Byrd Lochtie*  
Co-President

## ***Help Our Historian***

*by Judy Bennett*

It recently became clear to me that not all League members know we have scrapbooks chronicling the past years of our League. **Anne Hartline** and **Ron Perry** used these scrapbooks exhaustively while researching materials for their book *Humboldt County League of Women Voters 50 Years of a Good Idea*.

Currently **Carole Ziskin** is our League historian; she clips and pastes articles, pictures, and memorabilia of League events into a scrapbook. These books are kept in the League office and are fun to go through to see what our League has been doing for Humboldt County for over fifty years. One can learn a lot about our League by reading what has been done in the past.

Finding materials for the scrapbook falls not just to our historian, but to all of us. If you see something that pertains to the League in any publication, please clip and send it to Carole at 2135 Foxwood Drive, Eureka 95503 or put in her box in the League office in the Area I Agency on Aging building at 434 7th Street. On the desk is a metal container labeled historian where we can leave newspaper clippings, etc. Please do your part to make Carole's job easier, and contribute articles and pictures that you find. Finally, take a look at the scrapbooks; the door is always open.

## ***Thank You, Volunteers!***

*by Byrd Lochtie, Co-President*

The League conducted the Tribal Council Election for the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria on March 26, 2016. I want to thank all the volunteers who prepared the mailings for the election, staffed the sign-in table for voters, and counted the votes at the end of the day. Thanks to **Elaine Weinreb, Peg Gardner, Becky Simpson, Bev Post, Judy Bennett, Nancy Frost, Carolyn Otis, Jesse Sherman, Rollin Richmond, Kathy Johanson, Patricia-Anne WinterSun, Mary Lou Lowry, Crystal Sand, Celeste Ruiz, Sharolyn Hutton, Kay Escarda, Dottie Riffenburg, Deborah Downs, Judy Geppert, Beth Bray, and Nan Nieboer** for helping with all the many tasks for this election.

I also want to say what a privilege and pleasure it was to work with the members of the Election Committee that was appointed by the Tribal Council to work with the League on the election. Thank you to **Celeste Ruiz, Crystal Sand, Jesse Sherman, Alicia Carter, and Charmin Bailey**, who are all now members of the League. They learned about conducting candidate forums and organized forums for the candidates for Chairperson, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. They helped set up the room for the actual election, and were available to help when needed. In addition, Celeste and Crystal arranged to provide Humboldt County Registration forms so that people could register for the Primary Election in June. They were able to register FIFTEEN tribal members, either new to registration or re-registering because they had moved. That was a great idea, Celeste and Crystal! Congratulations!

## ***Welcome New Members!***

*Caroline Lowry*

*Anson Smith*

*Sylvia Shaw*

*Brenda Urueta*



## ***Status of LWVCEF Study of Public Higher Education in California***

*by Rollin Richmond*

Almost daily, there are media reports about the need for reform in California public higher education in terms of access, adequate funding, and affordability. Although the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) has positions on education covering issues in preK-12 education and the California Community Colleges (CCC), it does not have a position on public higher education in California inclusive of the CCC, the California State University (CSU), and the University of California (UC) systems. This lack of an inclusive position prevents the LWVC from commenting on or advocating for or against proposed policies and legislation affecting higher education. This study was proposed and approved to remedy this situation and to provide the LWVC with a comprehensive and inclusive position on public higher education in California.

The paragraph above is from a document prepared by the LWVC and published online in August of 2015. The full document is available here: <https://lwvc.org/sites/lwvc.org/files/downloads/studies/Higher-Education-Study-Guide-Complete.pdf>

I was asked by the President of the LWVHC to lead a local group to answer questions posed by this study. We are late in responding but would still appreciate your help in advising the LWVC about this position on education in our state. If you are interested in being involved in a local study group, please contact Rollin Richmond (rollinr2@gmail.com) quickly so that we can convene a group to begin the process.

## ***Keep Calm and Carry On***

*by Carol Masterson*

If the national media circus has made you weary of the cable channels' freak shows, the LWVHC and KEET-TV are planning a couple of rational, sedate candidate forums for Humboldt County Supervisor races that should provide some relief in addition to giving you an opportunity to help your League make democracy work right here at home. Let me know when you can come on up to Humboldt Hill and answer phones or sort questions or be a timekeeper--- 768-3118 or [buffy7@suddenlink.net](mailto:buffy7@suddenlink.net).

Monday, May 9, 7-8 p.m. Supervisor, 3rd District: Mike Wilson, Uri Driscoll

Wednesday, May 11, 7-8 p.m. Supervisor, 2nd District: Estelle Fennell, incumbent; Glen (Bud) Rogers

Looking further, on June 21 we're heading to Hoopa to do a radio forum for the Hoopa Valley Tribal Council election, always a long, beautiful drive with a stop in Willow Creek for sustenance. Anyone?

## ***LWVHC Board Briefs***

*by Patricia-Anne WinterSun, Secretary*

In April, your board

- welcomed newly appointed board member **Celeste Ruiz**
- gave a letter of support to the Humboldt County Election Transparency Project in their quest for a grant funded scanner,
- appointed a committee to shepherd the new **Kathryn Corbett** memorial scholarship.

## ***Help Wanted*** *by Laura Hennings*

The Action arm of the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County needs your help! We need dedicated members to review the League positions that affect our community and our environment outlined in the Annual Meeting Kit, and then we need members to get involved. If you have a particular interest in any of our positions and want to help the Action team support those positions to help drive change in Humboldt County, contact any board member about your ideas. There is truly power in numbers!



## ***LWVHC 25th State of the Community Luncheon - Better Than Ever!***

*by Judy Bennett*

Well, we sold out the Adorni, and we had to turn people away. It was outstanding, another wonderful State of the Community Luncheon, our 25<sup>th</sup> to be exact. We even made the front page of the *Times Standard* on Saturday, April 23.

For those of you unable to attend, the recipients this year were **Judith Stoffer** for all her volunteerism in the county, Hospice of Humboldt, and Redwood Empire Quilters Guild. Connie Stewart was the keynote speaker and she stole the show with her energetic and inspiring presentation about the positive happenings in Humboldt County. Mark Lovelace, chair of the board of supervisors shared his knowledge and positive feelings about the activities in the County. It was easy to feel good about Humboldt County after listening to our speakers.

The committee members excelled in their duties, and I want to thank them all: **Nancy Kay and Lois Busey**, steering committee chairs who helped us achieve a gross income of over \$27,000; **Lorey Keele** for organizing all the printed materials from solicitation letters to the event program; **Sharolyn Hutton** for arrangements, making certain we had enough chairs, tables, and food for starters; **Nancy Frost** for all the lovely decorations that she designed and helped create; **Debbe Hartridge** for all the wonderful publicity so everyone knew what we were doing; **Byrd Lochtie** for interviewing and introducing our recipients and giving wonderful talks telling us about each of them; **Kay Escarda** for always finding a wonderful keynote speaker and arranging for the chair of the board of Supervisors to give the “state of the community” address; and **Deborah Downs** for keeping track of our income and expenses. And a special thanks to **Maggie Fleming**, who has resigned her position on the committee since her election to office, but agreed to be our moderator and did it expertly. They’re an efficient and delightful group of Leaguers, whom I am proud to call my friends.

Let’s see if we can do as well next year, April 7, 2017 at the Adorni Center. See you there!



**Judith Stoffer and Byrd Lochtie**



**Connie Stewart and Judy Bennett**



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*We thank the following for their generous support of the 25th State of the  
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***Help Establish the Kathryn  
Corbett Scholarship*** by Judy Bennett

As many of you read in previous VOTERS and other publications, this past January saw the passing of Kathryn Corbett a dynamic, energizing woman and charter member of the League of Women Voters Humboldt County. Our current board has voted to create a Kathryn Corbett memorial scholarship from proceeds of the State of the Community Luncheon. Each year LWVHC will award a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving Humboldt State University student.

We are looking for volunteers to help establish the criteria for the scholarship in addition to those set out by the board which include the recipient be a student at Humboldt State University where Dr. Corbett taught, and to have a major in women's studies, sociology, or social work, all departments that she helped institute at HSU.

The LWVHC board has decided to administer the scholarship in house so that requires writing guidelines, creating an application, establishing what factors will be considered when awarding the scholarship, and reading applications.

If any of this interests you, please give me, Judy Bennett, a call, and we can create a Kathryn Corbett Memorial Scholarship Committee. I can be reached at 443-2855.

***Find your ballot and other election information!***

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## ***Humboldt County History Day***

*by Kathy Johanson, Co-President*

LWVHC has been pleased to participate in the Humboldt County History Day for the past several years. Each February, students in fourth grade through high school compete in Humboldt County History Day, held at Humboldt State University. Through the rigorous process of researching and preparing creative and original History Day projects, students learn about and analyze issues, ideas, people, and events in history. This year's theme is Exploration, Encounter, and Exchange in History. Students may choose from several categories to explore the theme and may work independently or in a group. Local projects are selected to advance to State History Day in May.

This year, **Byrd Lochtie** and **Becky Simpson** reviewed the projects in February and awarded book gift certificates to top projects which highlighted either voters' or women's rights in some way. Working in collaboration with the Rising Star Foundation during the Super Judging/Coaching event on April 6th, **Anne Hartline** and I reviewed the projects for a scholarship of \$175 per student. The League was able to assist five students with their trip to state this year. Students awarded are: Tori McConnell, Academy of the Redwoods, Humboldt County: Causes and Effects of the Expulsion of Humboldt County's Chinese Population, Historical Paper; Brynn Hales and Aquene Tollefson, Zane Middle, Title Nine, Junior Group Exhibit; Alana Busby & Kaylee Murphy, Eureka High, The Little Rock Nine Encounter Integration, Senior Group Exhibit. We wish all the students good luck in the state competition and look forward to their results.

### **Annual Meeting**

**Thursday, May 19th**

**Plaza Grill, Arcata**

**RSVP by May 6th**

**\$22 Preregistered**

**Registration 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

**Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

## ***Access Humboldt Update***

*by Rollin C. Richmond, LWVHC Representative to the Access Humboldt Board*

The Fund Development and Outreach Committee consisting of several members of the Board of Access Humboldt (AH) and chaired by Jenny Bowen is developing an updated strategic plan for the organization. We propose the following vision for AH:

Access Humboldt will provide diverse local content to broad geographic areas and varied groups by expanding, training, and empowering the membership to create relevant content and build sustainable programs.

The updated strategic plan will organize the goals of AH into categories. These categories and some of the specific goals are listed below:

### Visibility

Encourage Board members to be more visible in the community

### Education

Clarify and communicate products and services of AH

### Engagement

Create an AH Ambassador Program

### Contribution

Reach out to expired and soon to expire members

Over the next few months, the draft strategic plan will be further revised and then presented to the Board for consideration and possible adoption.

## ***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!**



# The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

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## Who's Who on Your League Board 2015-2016

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

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!

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## ***Our Diversity Policy***

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.

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

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## ***LWVHC Calendar***

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Sunday, May 1 2:00-4:00 p.m.	Membership Orientation and Observers Training League Office 434 7th St., Eureka
Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting League Office 434 7th St., Eureka
Thursday, May 19 Registration 6:00 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting Plaza Grill, Arcata <b>RSVP by May 6</b>
May 23	Last day to register for the June Primary Election.
Tuesday, June 14, 5:30 P.M.	Board Meeting League Office 434 7th St., Eureka

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