



The Voter

"... to promote informed citizen participation in government."

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October-November, 2016

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 3rd, 9:45am. LWV Orange Coast Board Meeting
Location: St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Bonhoeffer Room, 2200 San Joaquin Hills Road, Newport Beach, CA 92660. All members welcome.
Call 208-284-9167 or barbjsocal@gmail.com for more information

Friday, October 14th, Noon to 2:30pm. ★★Pros & Cons Presentation★★
Where: St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 2200 San Joaquin Hills Road, Newport Beach, CA 92660. All members and VOTERS welcome!
Call: 208-284-9167 or barbjsocal@gmail.com. See page 3 for more information.

Thursday, October 20th, 3-5pm. CAPO Unit: Book Club
"Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind" by Yuval Noah Harari
Call: 949-496-1858 or mjob35@gmail.com, for location and information.

Thursday, November 3rd, 3-5pm. CAPO Unit: Clip & Come
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Monday, November 7th, 9:45am LWV Orange Coast Board Meeting
Location: St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Bonhoeffer Room, 2200 San Joaquin Hills Road, Newport Beach, CA 92660 All members welcome.
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Thursday, November 17th, 3-5pm. CAPO Unit: Book Club
Call: 949-496-1858 or mjob35@gmail.com, for location and information.

Friday November 18th, Noon-2:30pm. Lunch with League
Topic: "Wrap Up of the November Election: Impact, Irregularities and Ways to Improve the Process"
Speaker: Dr. Fred Smoller, Associate Professor Chapman University
*Where: **New Location**, Marie Callender's, 1821 Grand Ave., Santa Ana, 92705.*
RSVP: Required, 208-284-9167 or barbjsocal@gmail.com. See page 3 for menu.

All members or guests are welcome at any of the meetings in this calendar

President's Message

President Obama proclaimed August 26, 2016, Women's Equality Day!

Quoting the Presidential Proclamation; “Nearly one century ago, with boundless courage and relentless commitment, dedicated women who had marched, advocated, and organized for the right to cast a vote finally saw their efforts rewarded on August 26th, 1920.”

The histories of the Women's Suffrage Movement and the League of Women Voters are worthy of note. The League webpage, <http://lww.org/content/league-women-voters-through-decades>, and this History web page, <http://www.history.com/topics/womens-history/women-who-fought-for-the-vote>, confirm that League's work both in the past and in the present is valuable.



As stated in the LWV of Orange Coast bylaws, our purpose, which echoes the early purpose of the League, is “to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.”

During this election year, the Coast League will meet our “purpose” and reflect our history, with presentation of pros and cons, sponsorship of candidate forums, and voter registration. LWVUS President Chris Carson, in her League Update of August 18, 2016, asked US, members of the League of Women Voters, to **TAKE ACTION** by lobbying our members of Congress to repair **THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT**. We have our work cut out for us!

A big thank you to everyone who have stepped up and volunteered to help with our Voters Service activities during this very busy election year.

History has shown, there is always more that can be done and better ways to do it. If you have new or better ideas about what our League could do to further our purpose, please contact any member of the Board and volunteer your ideas and talent.

When you consider the current challenges to our voting rights and the current election frenzy, the “boundless courage and relentless commitment” of the suffragettes is still very valuable and needed today.

In League,

Diane Nied, President

Orange Coast League Cities:

Aliso Viejo, Costa Mesa, Dana Point, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Sunset Beach, Laguna Woods, Laguna Niguel, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and Seal Beach

October-November: Lunch with League

Friday, October 14th, noon

Topic: **PROS AND CONS** of the 17 Ballot Measures on November 8th Ballot

Speakers: Coast League Speaker's Bureau

Where: Fellowship Hall, St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 2200 San Joaquin Hills Road, Newport Beach 92660

Menu: Beverages and treats provided. You are welcome to bring your own brown bag lunches or snacks. Donations are welcome to cover the League's copying costs and room rental.

We will learn what will happen with a yes and no vote and who placed the issue on the ballot.

We will have materials explaining each of the 17 propositions succinctly and clearly.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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Friday, November 18th, noon

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Speaker: **Dr. Fred Smoller, Chapman University**



Dr. Fred Smoller is Associate Professor of Political Science and has been on the Chapman faculty since 1983. Dr. Smoller received his Bachelor of Arts from State University of New York, College of Fredonia; Master of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin; and his Ph.D. in Political Science from Indiana University Bloomington. His major area of interest is American politics, with an emphasis on media and politics, local government, and public administration. He will speak about the election results and their future ramifications and impact on our county now and in the future.

↵ PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION ↶

Where: Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1821 Grand Ave., Santa Ana, 92705.

Menu: Rosemary Chicken Breast with Spring Salad; French Dip with Almond Coleslaw; Chicken Caesar Salad; or Soup and Salad Bar. All entrees are served with beverages, corn bread and apple, chocolate cream, or lemon merengue pie.

Cost: \$20, for Lunch and Speaker, \$5 for Speaker only.

RSVP: Required for entree and pie choices. Call: 208-284-9167 or barbjsocal@gmail.com.

RSVP no later than Tuesday, November 15th, the restaurant seats 70 and requires the order be placed 48 hours before our event! Ample parking is available.

LUNCH WITH LEAGUE IS OPEN TO LEAGUE MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

VOTERS SERVICE:

By Vickie Chenevey, Director

What's on the Ballot?

- 1) Election Day is November 8. Last Day to Register is October 24. Last Day to Request a Mail-In Ballot is November 1.
- 2) Sources of information on November Election state Measures:
Pros and Cons: <https://cavotes.org/vote/elections>
Voters Edge: <http://votersedge.org/ca>
- 3) Source of information on local measures, voting procedures, registration procedures, etc:
OC ROV: <http://www.ocvote.com/>
- 4) Follow the money
Cal-Access Database: <http://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/>
- 5) Get ready for the Presidential Debates:
<http://lwv.org/files/Debate%20Watching%20101.pdf>.
- 6) How to judge a candidate:
<http://lwv.org/files/How%20to%20Judge%20a%20Candidate.pdf>.
- 7) Have fun watching the Presidential debates with **"Election Bingo"**:
<http://lwv.org/files/Debate%20Watching%20BINGO.pdf>



For more information, please contact Vickie Chenevey vchenevey@yahoo.com.

LWVC: NO RECOMMENDATION ON THESE BALLOT MEASURES

Neutral: 56 - Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute. Proposition 56 establishes an increased tax on cigarettes, with the money collected from this tax earmarked for health care and tobacco use prevention. The League does not generally support earmarks but is neutral on this measure because of the benefits from reducing smoking and the increased funding for health care.

Because League positions do not cover the issues in the following measures, the LWVC is taking no stand on:

52 - State Fees on Hospitals. Federal Medi-Cal Matching Funds. Initiative Statutory and Constitutional Amendment.

53 - Revenue Bonds. Statewide Voter Approval. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

60 - Adult Films. Condoms. Health Requirements. Initiative Statute.

61 - State Prescription Drug Purchases. Pricing Standards. Initiative Statute.

64 - Marijuana Legalization. Initiative Statute.

See more at: <https://lwvc.org/news/ballot-measure-recommendations-november-8-2016-general-election#sthash.owCR9M5Q.dpuf>

WHO WAS INEZ MIHOLLAND AND WHY IS SHE IMPORTANT TO YOU AS A WOMAN?



Inez Milholland, New York City attorney and suffrage leader, was one of the most visible and respected advocates for women's equality in the early 20th century. Her death in Los Angeles of pernicious anemia on November 25, 1916 shocked and saddened her colleagues, who believed her leadership and sacrifice to win Votes for Women made her a martyr to the cause.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in New York and London, Inez became an advocate for the rights of women while a student.

Between 1910 and 1916, she became a central figure involved in planning, speaking, and raising funds for the drive for Votes for Women in New York State. She chaired meetings, answered opponents' arguments, lobbied state legislators, and led suffrage parades up Fifth Avenue. Robed as the **“free woman of the future,”** she became nationally known for her role as a mounted herald leading the great March 3, 1913 suffrage procession in Washington, D.C. that involved thousands of supporters and political figures.

Inez was buried in Essex County, New York, and on Christmas Day 1916 the Woman's Party held an unprecedented memorial for her under the rotunda in Statuary Hall in the national Capitol. She became the first woman to be so honored. A week later, aroused by her sacrifice, suffragists began to picket the White House demanding that President Woodrow Wilson support the suffrage amendment. Throughout the year, their banners carried her final plea: “Mr. President, How Long Must Women Wait for Liberty?” Inez inspired thousands of suffragists through the final, climactic years of the movement and her memory lived on in the ensuing years.

California Representative Jackie Speier, working with the Centennial, has *nominated Inez for the Presidential Citizens Medal, the second highest civilian award of the nation*. We encourage you to show your support through our post card and electronic petition campaign. Visit InezMilhollandCentennial.com. The Inez Milholland Centennial encourages communities across the nation to both remember Inez and recognize their own significant local and state suffragists. Women throughout the country were active in campaigns to win the vote and it is time to rediscover them and celebrate their achievements.

Another goal of the 2016 Centennial is to remind people of the price women paid to win the right to vote, and to emphasize the importance of exercising that right this election year. To start, we encourage people to celebrate and include tributes to Inez and local activists this March during Women's History Month. Plans can also be made for later in the year; Inez died on November 25, 1916, just after the presidential election.

Martha Wheelock's stirring, 15-minute movie on Inez was released in March 2016. Check it out at: InezMilholland.org. (I've seen it and it is terrific! Editor)

LWV of California Update:



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
RECOMMENDS
November 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION
More info: bit.ly/LWVCBallotRecs

PROP 51 School Bonds: K-12 and Community College YES

All California's schoolchildren deserve school facilities in good repair and equipped to provide all students a 21st century education. In a perfect world with adequate funding, we wouldn't need to borrow to build. However, this is not a perfect world, and our facilities needs are massive and require a large infusion of funding. It has been eight years since the last statewide bond measure was passed. Chronic underfunding from the state leaves most public school communities unable to adequately address their needs, increasing the danger of greater disparities among them. Many have passed local bonds but due to insufficient state matching funds, that money remains unspent—a situation this bond measure will help remedy.

PROP 54 California Legislature Transparency Act YES

Prop 54 will make our state government more open, honest, and accountable. With this common-sense reform, every bill must be in print and posted online for at least 72 hours before it may pass out of either house—preventing last-minute, closed-door changes. A video recording of every public meeting of the Legislature must be posted online in a timely way. Our democracy is stronger when more people participate, and this measure empowers all people to review, debate, and contribute to the laws that impact us all.

PROP 55 Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act YES

Proposition 55 is key in maintaining economic recovery and growth in California by continuing the current income tax rates on the wealthiest two percent of Californians, established by the voters in 2012. That measure, Prop 30, has moved California toward financial stability and adequate funding for education and other services we depend on like health care. Without Prop 55 we will be back to the days of pink slips for teachers, overcrowded classrooms, and community college students waiting years for the classes they need.

PROP 57 Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act YES

This measure restores the authority of judges, not prosecutors, to decide if juveniles as young as 14 should be tried in adult court, a right judges had until 2000. The prosecution may file a motion, but the court decides. Proposition 57 will also reduce the state prison population and costs by allowing earlier parole of nonviolent felons, with sentence credits for good behavior and rehabilitation or education. This measure could save tens of millions of dollars.

PROP 58 English Proficiency. Multilingual Education YES

Proposition 58 repeals the most restrictive parts of Proposition 227, a 1998 initiative that limited the methods California schools can use to teach English to students who are not native English speakers. This measure addresses the inequity of Prop 227 and frees parents and their schools to provide the best educational opportunities for all California children regardless of their first language. The League opposed Prop 227 nearly 20 years ago and urges your support for this change.

PROP 59 Constitutional Amendment Advisory Measure NO

Eliminating the corrupting influence of money in our democracy is a vital concern. Unfortunately, this vague, poorly drafted ballot measure is not the solution. A constitutional amendment to overturn *Citizens United* may have appeal as a quick fix, but in reality it is a slow, laborious, costly, and potentially unsuccessful strategy. A poorly written amendment could have significant unintended consequences—not the least of which is squelching actual political speech. Voters deserve a fair election system today, not years or decades from now. Instead of looking to an imagined silver bullet, we need to take broad action now, including fixing our Federal Elections Commission, expanding disclosure laws, overturning California's ban on public financing of elections, and asking a new Supreme Court to revisit the ruling.

VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON NOVEMBER 8!

8/8/2016

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LWVUS Making News

Voters, League Prevail in Federal Voting Rights Case: The League of Women Voters [won a major federal voting rights case](#). A federal appeals court blocked the illegal action of Brian Newby, U.S. Election Assistance Commission executive director, who earlier this year unilaterally allowed Alabama, Georgia and Kansas to require voters to produce difficult-to-obtain proof of citizenship documentation when completing the federal mail voter registration form. This action has illegally kept voters from the polls, caused confusion, and threatened the lawful voter registration efforts of the League and other groups.

League Joins Amicus in *Bethune-Hill v. Virginia State Board of Elections*: The League joined an amicus brief in the case of [Bethune-Hill v. Virginia State Board of Elections](#). The case argues that the Virginia legislature's redistricting map was intentionally gerrymandered on the basis of race and therefore cannot be legalized by using the explanation that it was a political gerrymander. The League previously filed another amicus brief on a challenge to the VA redistricting map in the case of [Wittman v. Personhuballah](#).

League Joins Amicus in *Ohio Purging Case A. Phillip Randolph Inst. v. John Husted*: The League joined Common Cause and Project Vote on [an amicus brief](#) to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in the case of *A. Phillip Randolph Inst. v. John Husted*. The brief argues that Ohio's decision to remove voters from the rolls violated provisions in the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) that prohibit removal based on non-voting. The state used the failure to vote in two elections as the basis for the purge in question. The brief asks the Appeal Court to overturn the District Court's ruling and reinstate the voters to the rolls.

League Files Amicus Brief in *Juliana et al v. United States*: The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and the League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) filed an [amicus brief](#) in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon in the case of *Juliana et al v. United States*. The Leagues support the 21 young people from across the United States who have filed a landmark constitutional climate change lawsuit against the federal government, via the Eugene, Oregon- based organization, Our Children's Trust.

UNITED NATIONS:

Human Trafficking Meets its Match: Introducing Alliance 8.7: Human trafficking and forced labor affects 21 million people all over the world, including here in the United States, and it has just met its match. Through our UN Observer Corps, the League is proud to [partner with the United Nations on Alliance 8.7](#) – a new target which aims to bring an end to trafficking.

In League,





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