

Official LWV of San Luis Obispo County Biography for Sharon E. Kimball

Sharon joined the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County in 2011 and has served on their League's Board as 1st Vice President, Director of Program, Director of Development, and Director Civil Discourse. Sharon chaired a Collaboration Workshop prior to serving as Chair of the yearlong Civil Discourse Study. On September 1st, 2015, Sharon's final report on the Civil Discourse Study, entitled, "A Study of Civil Discourse in San Luis Obispo County: Finding a Definition, Best Practices, and Position," was accepted and published on the [LWV Clearinghouse web site](#).

Sharon followed the LWVC's protocol on "How to Direct a Local Study," prepared by Ellen Taylor, hoping that her League's final study report would be accepted and published on the LWV Clearinghouse web site; so, other Leagues in the state of California and across the U.S. would be able to adopt the LWV of San Luis Obispo County's CD Study by **concurrence** and promote civil discourse among their own elected officials, staff, and the public.

Sharon graduated with a BA in English and Education from Lawrence University in Wisconsin and received an MS in Advertising and Communications from the University of Illinois. Her continuing education classes include Counseling, Computer Science, and Human Resources. Sharon has over 30 years of experience in business and education. She has lived and worked in Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, South Dakota, Oregon, and California. Sharon was among the first women hired in Sales Management by IBM in 1973 and among the first women invited to join Rotary International in 1989. She gained international experience in business and education as Director of Career Assistance with a private, Business University in Michigan.

After years of helping local businesses through her own consultancy in advertising, marketing, and technical communications, Sharon recently transitioned into freelance writing with her own businesses: Civil Communications and Happy Place Publications. In addition to being on the Board of Directors for the LWV of San Luis Obispo County, Sharon is a member of the San Luis Obispo Monday Noon Rotary Club, and the San Luis Obispo NightWriters. She lives in Avila Beach with her husband Jim. Together, they have 5 adult children and 8 grandchildren. (Contact Info: iPhone – 989-780-3669/ Email – sharon.e.kimball@gmail.com)