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NOTE: NEW LOCATION FOR COMMUNITY FORUMS

These community forums are held on the third Wednesday of the month at noon at the *Faulkner Gallery just inside of the Santa Barbara Central Library entrance on 40 East Anapamu*. They are free and open to the public. You are encouraged to invite your friends. Bring your own brown bag lunch and beverages will be provided. The entrance to the nearest parking garage is on Anapama, adjacent to the SB Public Library. Handicapped access is at the Anapamu entrance - park in the Granada Garage across from the Library on Anapamu St.

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY FORUM

Can We Talk . . . and Listen to One Another?

Wednesday Feb. 15 - noon to 2:00PM

One lesson of the 2016 election is that too many of us simply don't talk to, or listen to those with whom we do not readily agree. But the centerpiece of the League of Women Voters' work remains the expansion of public participation in governmental affairs for a healthy democracy, and respect for the voices of all Americans. We believe that a robust public dialog is critical to a healthy democracy. Something has gone wrong and our League has made a commitment to addressing the problem. The February 15th forum, which will be held noon at The Faulkner Gallery in *continued on page 2*

MARCH COMMUNITY FORUM

Keeping People with Mental Illness Out of Jail

Wednesday March 15 - noon to 2:00PM

This Forum will address the issues around people with mental illness and the jail from several different viewpoints. The panel members represent both the relevant government agencies as well as community organizations that are active on these issues. We have representatives from the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Health, the Sheriff's Office, the Public Defender's and the District Attorney's Office. We have also invited

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the Santa Barbara Public Library (40 E. Anapamu Street), will address the question “Can We Talk...and Listen to One Another”? The Forum will feature County Supervisor Janet Wolf and Lanny Ebenstein, President of the California Center for Public Policy, who represent opposite sides of our community’s political spectrum, and will include a presentation by representatives of the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo, about their nationally acclaimed study and report on best practices in promoting “Civil Discourse” on public policy issues.

We hope to expose some new ideas about how each of us can promote and participate in more meaningful public dialog about how we are to be governed. Please join us to listen and be a part of what promises to be a lively and informative discussion.

FEBRUARY UNITS

Our Favorite Clip and Come

Members have always enjoyed bringing a newspaper or magazine article related to our League positions to share with our Discussion groups. Since the media are full of such materials right now, we thought you would enjoy devoting this meeting to talking about them. The schedule for February is printed on the Calendar page as usual, and don’t forget, anyone can attend any Unit that is at a convenient time.

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key members of community watchdog organizations, who illuminate problems and advocate for solutions. Many of these community people have experienced the frustrations of the crisis first-hand.

The Problem. The number of people with mental illness in U.S. jails has reached crisis levels. In counties across the nation, jails now have more people with mental illnesses than psychiatric hospitals. Almost three-quarters of these adults also have drug and alcohol use problems. Our community members with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system with tragic outcomes for themselves and their families, missed opportunities for connections to treatment, inefficient use of funding, and failure to improve public safety.

The obstacles for change in Santa Barbara County include operating with minimal resources and lacking coordination between criminal justice, mental health, substance use treatment, and other agencies. However, in 2016, the crisis and the costs, as well as public education and advocacy, moved the County Supervisors to commit to positive plans including The Stepping Up Initiative, which features a collaborative approach. (See page 3, **Highlights of Progress**). Come to the Forum to learn about the problems, the progress, and the hope of solutions.

LWV positions: The Behavioral Health Position of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) was adopted at the June 2016 annual National Convention. This position provides goals and guidelines for all levels of the League - national, state, and local, including LWVSB. The position defines Behavioral Health as the nationally accepted term that includes both mental illness and substance use disorder.

The LWVUS position on Health Care was also amended to add: *Every U.S. resident should have access to affordable, quality in- and out- patient behavioral health care, including needed medications and supportive services, that is integrated with, and achieves parity with, physical health care.*

Susan Horne & Carole Marks
Health Care

MARCH UNITS

How Can the League Practice Civil Discourse?

The San Luis Obispo League has been working for three years to help the public find some means of talking to people with opposing views, and they come to share their insights with us in the February Community Forum. As a follow-up, we would like to continue to talk with our members about how to

have reasonable discussions with those who disagree with us. Sometimes, they are relatives or neighbors, and it is important that we try new approaches. The Calendar page will show you the dates of all the March Discussion Units, so come to one and help us figure this out.

Safely Keeping People with Mental Illness Out of Jail

Some Highlights of Progress in Recent years

by Susan Horne & Carole Marks

SOUTH SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

- The Mental Wellness Center (established 1947) opened their new building in 2008. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is a co-located partner. Together they advocate for better services and treatment options, and reduced criminalization of people who live with mental illness. Their many services offer support for those in recovery and their families, and education for families, schools and the community.

COUNTY

- Sheriff Brown hired a Grievance Coordinator at the Jail and appointed a group to give input, to review and to advise on steps to improve jail conditions. These actions were in response to the Disabilities Rights CA report in 2015, noting the jail had “inadequate mental health care.”
- Community watchdog organizations continue to illuminate problems and advocate for solutions/reforms. For example, CLUE (Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice), NAMI, the Grand Jury, Families ACT, etc. Citizen participation is crucial to advocate for vital funding to be directed to meeting the needs of the most vulnerable residents in our communities.
- The Board of Supervisors approved proposals to fill gaps in crucial housing needs for people who are mentally ill (and possibly homeless) from the SB County Behavior Wellness Dept. in August 2016. Implementation planning is currently in progress.

STATE

- Laura’s Law is being implemented in SB County with a 3-year pilot program starting in January 2017. This law allows a judge to require that a severely mentally ill person who refuses treatment must engage in outpatient treatment if there is also a history of repeated

hospital and/or jail stays. This is an alternative to criminalization.

- Realignment Funds are being studied for a potentially larger allocation to be re-directed to treatment and stable supportive housing of people with mental illness. These funds are allocated to each county from the State to support the shifting of prisoners from the State to the counties. A recent evaluation of current allocations recommended such changes for the 10 million dollar annual funding from the State.

NATIONAL INITIATIVE

- The Stepping Up Initiative was approved by the SB County Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff, and the Behavior Wellness Dept. This is a national program to safely divert mentally ill people who are arrested into appropriate treatment and housing. The core of this Initiative is collaboration between agencies which have traditionally been operating as isolated entities. The Sheriff organized the first Task Force meeting to begin work on implementation in December 2016.

FEDERAL

- Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Medi-Cal extended coverage to new enrollees, increased reimbursement rates that attracted more doctors, and included mental health treatment, with results in improved continuity of care. (However, with the new Republican administration and Congress, the ACA is at risk.)
- CURES Act passed the US Congress and was signed into law in December 2016. This Twentieth Century CURES Act supports medical research, but also incorporates the “Helping Families in a Mental Health Crisis” Bill, HR 2646, as well as the “Mental Health Safety” Act, SB 2002, focused on reducing the criminalization of mental illness.

**“To the wrongs that need resistance, To the right that needs assistance,
To the future in the distance, Give yourselves.”**

Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League of Women Voters

President's Message

(Written January 19, 2017)

The week of January 15 through 21 is full of many celebrations and events that commemorate, celebrate and concern all of us. Our League has participated in many of these events in support of our values and positions.

As I write this it is January 19, the day before Donald Trump is sworn in as the 45th President of the United States. This is the first time that someone who has never held political office will be sworn in as President. It is truly amazing and only the future will tell how his administration will manage the Executive Branch of our government.

The big event of this day, January 19, is the Santa Barbara Independent's publication of their "Keep Santa Barbara Great Again" or a local political survival guide in this time of transition. On page 3 of this guide is our ad. It is placed right next to the Table of Contents where LWVSB receives thank you recognition for making the Guide possible. We help make Santa Barbara Great!

On January 16, we of the League celebrated and commemorated Martin Luther King Jr Day with the rest of the nation. We marched up State Street from De la Guerra Plaza to the Arlington. Those that participated were Lindsey Baker, her daughter Amy Petersons, Linda Phillips, Jane Benefield, Susan Horne, Suzanne Brothen and me. Another event supporting the values and positions of the League! Supporting equality for all and protecting voter rights helps make the United States great.

Yesterday January 18, was truly amazing. It started with our January Community Forum on our local Libraries. Jessica Cadiente, Director, Santa Barbara County Library System, brought four other librarians who head up the different departments. The Libraries are a mover and shaker in making the 21st Century a reality in Santa Barbara. They are a big piece of making Santa Barbara great. Be sure to visit their website and see all that is happening. www.santabarbaraca.gov/gov/depts/lib/

In the evening of January 18, we of the League and our partner the Pro Choice Coalition celebrated the 44th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the momentous Supreme Court ruling that allowed women the right to have an abortion. This was celebrated by a talk with Amelia Bonow a 32 year old millennial who started a movement with a Facebook post. A friend turned the post into a hashtag: #SHOUTYOURABORTION. It was amazing to see how one honest and simple post unleashed thousands of women talking about their abortions. They no longer felt ashamed and embarrassed. The League supports a woman's right to choice and is advancing health care.

On Saturday January 21, will be the Women's March. Originally it was just in Washington D.C. Quickly it grew and there are marches all over the country. On January 11, LWVUS gave its approval of participation. LWVUS President Chris Carson stated in her letter "Event organizers have obtained the official permits for an event of this size and have shaped the march as an inclusive and diverse event." The marches in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles are going to be attended by a contingent of the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara. We support the first Amendment to the US Constitution and the right to freedom of speech.

We continue to support: advancing healthcare, defending the environment, supporting gun safety, reforming immigration, protecting voter rights, reforming money in politics, solving homelessness, improving government and so much more.

The League of Women Voters continues to Make America Great!

*Amanda Pelch
Former Co-President – Community
Education, Membership & Administration*

Dear League and Friends:

Some of you know that I am moving to Seattle, WA. For those who didn't know or were unsure, yes it is true. The estimated time of departure is in April 2017. Yes that is very soon. Thus it has become necessary for me to resign my Co-Presidency. The very able Vice President of Administration Bonnie Lassen will assume my duties for the remainder of the term through June 2017.

My heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes to each of you for all the support and opportunities that the League and each of you has given me. You are a dynamic group that has been standing tall and supporting the values and positions of women for 100 years.

May the next 100 be even better.

*Thank you,
Amanda Pelch*

Nominating Committee Announces Changes

The Nominating Committee received the resignation of Co-President Amanda Pelch effective January 20, 2017 per her letter of January 21, 2017 and the Executive Committee of the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara accepted it for the board.

The League is greatly indebted to Amanda for her service to the League over the years. We wish her well and much happiness as she deals with the many issues involving her move to Seattle.

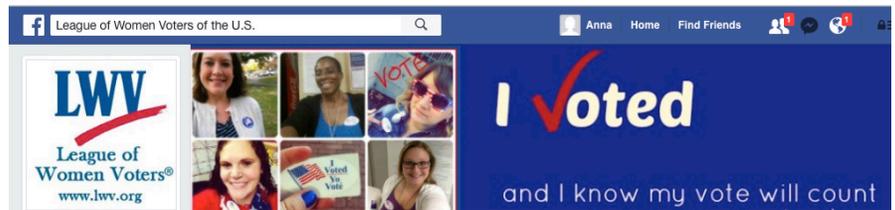
At its February meeting the LWVSB board of directors will act on the Executive Committee's action. As always with change our whole board will share responsibilities and distribute them during the next meeting. Lindsey Baker, currently co-president, will serve for the remainder of her term.

At this time the Nominating Committee is in full swing and is now recruiting new candidates for our 2016-2018 LWVSB Board. Please contact Joanie Jones, Nominating Committee Chair at the office phone (805) 965-2422 or by email nominating@lwvsantabarbara.org with your special talents & interests. You may also speak with Barbara Godley, Connie Hannah, Bev King and Jean Reiche.

*Nominating Committee: Joanie Jones, Chair
Barbara Godley, Jean Reiche,
Connie Hannah, Beverly King*



TOP: We carry the League's sign at the Martin Luther King Day march in Santa Barbara



LWV, Social Media and Electronic Communications

Are you staying up to date by reading our email messages? Are you on Facebook? Do you tweet? Do you have friends and followers on social media?

If you do, you can help the League of Women Voters communicate with members and reach more people. The state and national Leagues share information on Facebook and Twitter. And so does League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara.

Visit our Facebook Page: League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara. Go to the League of Women Voters of California and League of the Women Voters of the U.S. pages. Read and share the posts with your friends.

On Twitter, we are LWV Santa Barbara (@LWVSB). Like or retweet us. Other Twitter names are LWV of the US (@LWV) and LWVC (@LWVC). You will also find many other local and state Leagues.

LWVSB now has 407 Facebook Page likes and 245 Twitter followers. When our members share posts with their own friends, many more people become aware of the League and what we do. They learn about our local events, the videos on our own YouTube channel, the legislation that the state league is supporting, the voting rights work of the US League and so much more.

If you have given us your email address, you are also receiving regular messages from LWVSB. We usually send these twice a month, but occasionally more often if there is an important Action Alert from the state or national Leagues. Please open these so you can stay informed about what is happening. And forward them to your friends who aren't yet League members.

Visit our website anytime: www.lwvsantabarbara.org. Here you can find the full version of the Channel Voter, our calendar of events and committee meetings, membership information, links to community forum videos, contact information and more.

This all assumes that you use a computer and have email. For those of you who don't, you will continue getting the printed Channel Voter by mail. But since most of our members do have access to a computer, tablet or smart phone, you will get our information electronically. You can read the Channel Voter online and you will be able take advantage of live links to other sites.

If you haven't been involved in the League, now is the time. You can start by finding out what we are doing.

*Vicki Allen, Communications Coordinator
ComCoordinator@lwvsantabarbara.org*

State & National Action

To subscribe to LWVUS' biweekly Leaders Updates, or email updates on issues you are interested in, and to see Action Alerts online, go to <http://lww.org/get-involved>

To read these updates online: <http://participate.lww.org/c/10065/blastContent.jsp>

If you want to participate in LWVSB advocacy issues, at local, state, or national levels, please contact Linda Phillips at action@lwvsantabarbara.org or 967-0922.]

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LWVUS LEADERS' UPDATES

JAN. 5 AND 19, 2017

Letter from the LWVUS President, Chris Carson

January 5, 2017

Dear Friend,

If we've learned anything this week, it is that our campaign for Making Democracy Work™ for All will continue to be a long, hard fight on many fronts. The League is up for the challenge.

In the waning hours of the holiday weekend, Congressional leaders launched a late-night move to eviscerate the Office of Congressional Ethics. Following a massive public outcry, including the League's strongly worded message appearing in 300+ news articles and letters to House leaders, Congressional Republicans backed down, at least for now. Just a day later, tens of thousands of League activists took interest in our national call-in day to address President-elect Trump's unprecedented and unconstitutional conflicts of interest.

The moral of the story is clear: grassroots action and public outcry work. From voting rights to clean air, health care to money in politics, the League's core issues will be at the forefront of battles in state houses and in Washington.

Here's where we need you right now on the national stage:

- Take action to preserve the Affordable Care Act.
- Watch out for our emails as other pressing issues come up.
- Recently Joined League? Become Involved
- Bring together a group of League volunteers and allies who will attend your Member of Congress's town hall meetings, listening sessions and public events to advocate on the League's issues.

Protecting our democracy depends on you. I know you're as fired up as I am. Let's get to work!

Chris

ADVOCACY

TAKE ACTION:

Stop the Repeal of Health Care (both issues)

The U.S. Senate is back in session and their first priority will be to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Repealing the ACA means undoing numerous protections for the American people. The League will not stand by while members of Congress dismantle protections for the health and well-being of the American public. Thanks to the more than 19,000 individuals who have already taken action! Stand with the League today and tell your Senators to oppose repeal of the ACA.

League Opposes Attempts to Eviscerate Office of Congressional Ethics (1/5/2017)

The League opposed efforts to eviscerate the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE). A proposal that would have gutted the only institution in the U.S. House that successfully enforces ethics rules was introduced by House Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) and adopted by the House Republican conference in a late night meeting prior to the first session of the 115th Congress. Thanks to grassroots action and public outcry Representatives backed down from the proposal. The League joined coalition partners on letters to Speaker Ryan and all Representatives on this issue. Please read the League's statement on this issue for additional information.

League Opposes H.R. 26, REINS Act of 2017 (1/5/2017)

The League joined a letter to the U.S. House in opposition to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act of 2017. Under the

REINS Act, no major regulation could take effect unless it is approved by both houses of Congress in a small window of time. This would make it impossible to protect the public by shutting down the entire regulatory system including attacks on the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and many other consumer protection measures.

League Urges Senators to Cosponsor S.65 (1/19/2017)

The League joined other good government groups on a letter to the U.S. Senate urging Senators to cosponsor legislation to address financial conflicts of interest of the President and Vice President. The legislation, introduced by Senator Warren (DMA), ensures that those elected as President will be required to take the steps essential to eliminating any conflicts of interest, appearances of conflict, and Emoluments Clause problems they will face as President.

UNITED NATIONS

Commission on the Status of Women: Upcoming Events (1/5/2017)

The focus of the United Nations turns toward women and gender issues during the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York, March 13-24, 2017. The priority theme of the meetings will be 'Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work'. The League can register up to 20 members to attend Commission meetings and events in the UN. Please contact Suzanne Stassevitch at smstass@mac.com if you're interested in attending as a LWV UN Delegate. All League members can also self-register to attend more than 450 NGO events, panels and trainings conducted outside the UN complex and in parallel with the Commission meetings. Registration is open through March 3, 2017.

Compiled By Linda Phillips

WOMEN'S MARCHES

TOP: Jane Benefield carrying our banner at the L.A. march.

BOTTOM: Santa Barbara march - Look for our LWV signs!



LWV, The Women's March in D.C. and Sister Marches

LWVUS was a partner in the Women's March in Washington, DC on Jan. 21. Local Leagues and members were encouraged to participate in Sister Marches. As LWVUS Executive Director Melissa Breach pointed out at the Oakland march, 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the first Women's March in Washington.

Some of our LWVSB members went to the march in Los Angeles, where there was a large League contingent. Jane Benefield and Linda Reimel carried our banner.

And we were fortunate to have a march in Santa Barbara as well. It was organized only about 10 days in advance, originally expecting about 50 marchers. Actual attendance was phenomenal. The latest estimate, as of this writing, is 8,000! The day was peaceful, inspiring, and generally positive. See the Independent article <http://www.independent.com/news/2017/jan/21/santa-barbaras-massive-womens-march/>

*Linda Phillips, State and National Action
Action@lwvsantabarbara.org*



Inside The League

Fight the Winter Blahs! New & Prospective Members Join Us for Coffee and Conversation

All new and prospective members are invited to join us for Coffee and Conversation on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 10:30am at the League office, 328 Carrillo Street.

Learn more about the League and how you can get the most out of your membership. This informal gathering will be an opportunity for you to ask your questions, vent your frustrations and fight the winter blahs. Everyone is welcome, whether you are a new member, prospective member, returning member or a well-seasoned one with questions that you would love to discuss. Bring a friend!

We are pleased to welcome these new members who have joined since November: Jessica Cadiente, Isabelle Greene, Lindsay Ervin, Ray Paloutzian, Ben Romo, Diane Siegel, Ann Taves, Catherine Woodford, and relocating from Oregon member Marilyn Ulvaeus.

*Bev King, Membership Director
Membership@lwvsantabarbara.org*

In Memoriam

Bettina Sabersky, May, 2016

ENERGY REPORT: Victory Offshore!

I previously described League participation in the campaign for a ban on oil and gas leasing offshore much of the Arctic and Atlantic coasts. Now I am happy to report it was successful! The ban is permanent and applies to federal waters three miles or more from shore.

*Jean Holmes, Energy Director,
Energy@lwvsantabarbara.org*



MEMBERSHIP FORM - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, SANTA BARBARA

- Here is my annual membership dues - \$70.00 Student - \$35.00
 Second member in same household - \$35.00 Please send me more information about the League
 I can't join right now: here is my contribution of \$_____ to support the League

Total submitted \$ _____ *Make check payable to:* League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara
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You may also pay online through PayPal at www.lwvsantabarbara.org

I am committed to / Sign me up to:

- Register voters Join the League of Women Voters Invite a friend to join Pledge \$_____ support

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Inside The League

Changes of Meeting Places for Sustainable Communities Committee

In January, our committee held our first meeting in Maravilla Senior Residence, and it was one of the largest and best meetings ever, because Lauren Hanson from the Goleta Water District took one full hour to answer some of the hardest questions about water supply that our members asked. Next month, on Friday, February 10, we will meet at Encina Royale, possibly for the last time. At that meeting we will discuss other possible new locations, and everyone may bring ideas. They have instituted new regulations at Encina Royale that may make meeting there impossible.

With the recent rains we may be able to move from water to another source of concern for sustainability. That is the City of Santa Barbara's Average Unit Density (AUD) program, which has introduced 800 more apartment units, or more, into the development pipeline. As originally planned, these units were to be more affordable

because they were small. As a few have been built and occupied, the developers have explained that they will have to be "market rate" priced. That turns out to be \$2,500 or \$3,000 a month rent. League is very concerned that older, more affordable rental units will be torn down to build these new expensive units, evicting people who cannot pay the new rents.

The Committee thanks Lauren Hanson for the several times that she has come to answer the League's questions, and for the clarity with which she shares the water district's plans. We hope that the extreme drought stress on all the water districts may be somewhat helped by this year's rains. Our Water Committee will continue to follow water policy closely.

*Connie Hannah, Chair,
Sustainable Communities Committee
SusComm@lwvsantabarbara.org*

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