



League of Women Voters of Palos Verdes Peninsula

Voter

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February/March 2019

LWVPV CALENDAR: FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019

Saturday	February 10	Green Ports Program	2:00 PM	San Pedro Library
Wednesday	February 13	PVP Board Meeting	Noon	Nell Mirels' House
Saturday	March 2	Tri- League Meeting	9:00AM	Depot Restaurant
Saturday	March 10	League Meeting	2:00 PM	PVP Library
Wednesday	March 13	PVP Board Meeting	Noon	Nell Mirels' House
Saturday	March 24	County Convention	9-12 AM	Carson Convention Center

Monthly meetings for members and general public at PVP library (701 Silver Spur Rd, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274) on second Sunday of each month at 2:00 PM. LWV PV aims to engage members and the public in nonpartisan issues that are consistent with League of Women Voters policies and of local and national interest. The meeting will feature a speaker with time for interaction with the audience.

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Presidents' Message

We send you all our warm Valentine wishes.

In the coming season, our activities include three conventions this year you can all attend. The first event is the County Convention at the end of March to be held at the Carson City Convention Center. The current president is looking for new members for the board for several open positions. These include the secretary, and members to cover advocacy, natural resources, the board of supervisors and any other areas of your particular interest. These meetings are usually held either in Pasadena or at the LA office (near Wilshire and Vermont) on the first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in serving on the board please let us know. The second event is the State Convention which will be held in Pasadena at the end of May and beginning of June. Since all LA leagues are supporting this convention, we are looking to recruit volunteers to help at the convention. Such volunteers will be admitted free in appreciation of their help. Lastly our own local convention to be held in June-place and time still to be determined.

We have started a new program of monthly meetings for our members and the general public, unfortunately our first meeting had to be cancelled since we were unable to find a suitable speaker. But the good news is that our 2nd meeting is on February 10th in San Pedro and Ms. Kimberly Ritter, a league member, County Voter editor and an economist will speak about LA area ports (see the flyer in this issue). We are attempting to get a copy of Al Gore's last movie for the March meeting and hope also to have a speaker or a discussion panel to update us on the doings in San Pedro for April meeting.

Our new board member, Asha Shahed, has volunteered to take over the Voter and we thank her profusely. We still have several positions open on the board so if you would like to become more involved with the league please let us know.

Lastly, we say a sad goodbye to Pat Colby. She will be missed greatly not only for all her excellent input for our league but for her unfailing willingness to help whenever we needed a hand. We relished her delightful sense of humor, her excellent notetaking and thoughtful articles and for covering education for us on the board. She also helped us to put on a variety of programs on education. Most recently she was reviewing our old historical files to get them ready to submit to the library. We all loved Pat and she will be greatly missed.

Karen Buresh and Vi Jungerich

Co-Presidents

Going Backwards in Jail Policy

By Vi Lungerich



In a recent article in Los Angeles Times, Steve Lopez covered the most recent hearing of our newly elected sheriff's Alex Villanueva before the county supervisors. Sheriff Villanueva defeated Sheriff Jim McDonnell in spite of the introduction of several needed policies to improve protections for the inmates of LA County jails by the latter. Sheriff Villanueva, reinstated Deputy Caren Mandoyan, who was fired after being accused by a female deputy of physical assault. She complained that Deputy Mandoyan grabbed her neck and pushed her face into a couch, tried to break into her house and harassed her in text messages. A county appeals board upheld his firing. In addition, Mandoyan had also been accused of domestic violence.

Sheriff Villanueva overlooked all the above charges and not only reinstated deputy Mandoyan but authorize him to receive his back pay of two years, because he played a key role in his of election campaign. This fits with his (Villanueva) belief that deputies were being unfairly treated under the previous sheriff and that the culture of violence against jail inmates was overblown. Furthermore, he approved the use of metal flashlights even if they were occasionally used as a weapon and believes that deputies' name with a history of disciplinary actions, minor use of force, dishonesty or misconduct should not be shared with the prosecutors.

The Board of Supervisors were horrified not only by Mandoyan's reinstatement but also by Villanueva's disdain for the established disciplinary review process. As Lopez wrote, "Villanueva has been hibernating the last few years and woke up without a clue about the #MeToo revelations that taught most of us something about the dynamics of abuse, power, control, intimidation and fear."



Although the Supervisors asked Villanueva to reconsider his reinstatement of Mandoyan, the Board of Supervisors has no power to force him (sheriff) since they all hold elected office. Such changes in policies do not bode well for the people of Los Angeles County.



Winter County League Day: Civil Rights and Advocacy

By Vi Iungerich

On January 26 the County League sponsored a diverse panel of ethnic non-partisan organizations concerned with civic engagement.

Audrey Soniano from the Center for Asian Americans United for Self-empowerment (C.A.U.S.E.) spoke about the organization's objectives, methodology, and achievements. This non-profit organization was started in 1993 with a group of professional, community, business and political leaders to engage the Asian community to become more active as civic and political leaders. With a total budget now of more than \$500,000 a year they are an organization with several subparts and to train and engage leaders. Audrey is responsible for implementing and empowering leadership development programs. Over the years CAUSE has concentrated in leadership development and have developed several programs to foster leadership growth. There are monthly luncheons where members are encouraged to share knowledge, connections and engagements. Starting with high-school students they encourage voting and pre-registration for voting. College students are eligible for a nine-week paid internship leadership program for those interested in politics, public policy and/or Asian community issues. CAUSE offers many innovative programs to foster leadership in all areas, citizenship, civil engagement, politics and social responsibility in younger generation. Website: WWW.CAUSEUSA.ORG.

Reverend Jonathan Mosely, Vice President, National Action Network (NAN-LA) was the second speaker. NAN was started by Reverend Al Sharpton in 1991 promotes a modern civil rights agenda that includes one standard of justice, opportunities and decency for all regardless of gender, ethnicity, race or religion. This organization is focused on issues that affect minorities and people of color. Currently this includes the suppression of voting laws, the lack of knowledge of how our government works including the need to vote, Immigration barriers and the issues of the poor in general. NAN is a national organization based in Washington but covers the county with local offices. Reverend Mosely bemoaned the ignorance of the young in civic involvement and lack of knowledge in this country of how our democracy works. He stressed that there needs to be a concerted effort for promoting civics education that starts in middle school and continues through high school to teach students about government, how it works and why voting is vital.

Asmaa Ahmed, Policy Manager, spoke for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). This organization is the nation's largest Muslim civil rights organization with headquarters in Washington DC, and four major offices in California (Bay Area, Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Diego). They help their community, in immigration issues, provide legal services to protect civil rights, and battle hate crimes. They promote participation of their community in voting, voter registration, civic duties and training leaders for social justice. Their main venue of contact with community are about 80 local mosques but they also use social media. CAIR offers internships to a younger generation. They are also interested in lobbying for their community. Those that work for the organization often start as interns and later become staff.

This was a very interesting League Day that let us look at some of the diverse non-partisan civic activities of organizations in our midst and of which we are generally unaware.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PALOS VERDES PENINSULA

PRESENTS

**AN UPDATE ON THE PORT OF LONG BEACH:
THE GREEN PORT OF THE FUTURE**



**Speaker: Kimberly Ritter
Economist/Port Planner
Port of Long Beach**

Sunday, February 10, 2019

2:00 PM

San Pedro Library

**931 S. Gaffy Street
San Pedro CA 90331**

The Public Is Invited



LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®

SPRING TRILEAGUE MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

JOIN LEAGUE MEMBERS FROM TORRANCE AREA, BEACH CITIES AND
PALOS VERDES PENINSULA FOR OUR SPRING TRILEAGUE MEETING



Guest Speaker: Torrance Chief of Police Eve Irvine

Location: The Depot Restaurant
Kimono Room
1250 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance
(310) 787-7501

Schedule: 9:00 am – Check-In
9:15 am - Breakfast
10:00 am – Speaker
11:20 am – Announcements

\$30 for members
\$40 for non-members

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Or, mail checks to: LWVTA, PO Box 964, Torrance CA 90508

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**THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA
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INVITE YOU TO

**A CANDIDATES FORUM
PALOS VERDES ESTATES
CITY COUNCIL ELECTION**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00pm – 9:00pm

PALOS VERDES ESTATES CITY HALL

340 PALOS VERDES WEST, PVE

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All candidates for office will be participating

ADIEU BUT NOT GOODBYE ARLENE



It is a challenge to find a woman with the number of years and the variety of experiences that Arlene Block has accumulated in the League of Women Voters. Many years ago as a young Wellesley University graduate, Arlene yearned for a sense of community and the world. Consequently, she joined the bright, intelligent and informed women of the Local League in Maryland, became President and started a Head Start Program. Arlene and her family moved to Rancho Palos Verdes, California in 1974 and rejoined the Local League of Palos Verdes Peninsula. Arlene has dedicated 58 years in various positions at LWVPV such as: Administrative Vice-President, Chair of Voter Services, Chair of Various Studies on Immigration, Health Care, Land Use, Natural Resources, Nominating Committee and on...and on. She also served on the LA County Board for one year.

During this time, Arlene completed a second Masters' degree in Public Health and worked for the LA County Department of Health Services. She remembers, with fondness, the league members attending meetings of the local councils and board of education meetings to bring concerns to ensure that local government and schools were accountable to the community they served. She is grateful for the skills learned while working with the Local LWV: life skills on how to present to an audience, chair a meeting and engage in local politics in a neutral way.

Arlene has chosen to leave the Palos Verdes Peninsula area to move south to an active senior community just over an hour's drive away. We will miss her curious mind, her astute observations and her commitment to our Local League of Women Voters. We know she will be involved in many ways to improve her new community.

We bid her fond farewell, good luck, and eagerly look forward to her visits with us.

Patricia Colby Obituary- Torrance, CA Daily Breeze



Thursday, January 24, marked the passage of Patricia Ann Colby. Pat will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and deep sense of joy and adventure. A lifelong dedication to education led to teaching positions in Kenya and Switzerland post-college. After returning to the States in her late 20s, she earned advanced degrees in education and began a multi-decade career with the LAUSD. Over the course of her career, she held roles in teaching, administration and leadership.

Dear to Pat's heart was her native City of San Pedro; she was a cheerleader for revitalization projects, remained lifelong friends with chums from San Pedro High School and, after retirement, was active with Friends of the San Pedro Library and League of Women Voters. Pat is survived by her husband, sister and niece. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you please send a donation in Pat's name to doctorswithoutborders.org. Please sign the guestbook at dailybreeze.com/obits.



Join The League!

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in The League of Women Voters (founded 1920), one of the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to all registered voters regardless of gender, race, ethnicity and religion.

Our members strive to make a visible difference in the community, city, state and the nation by serving as leaders and activists using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Just fill out the membership form below and mail it to:

LWV PVP, PO Box 2933, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA
90274. Please make checks payable to *LWV PVP*

Membership Form

Name _____

Name(s) of additional member(s) in household _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work/day/cell) _____

Email address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

\$80.00 per member

\$40.00 additional member in the same household.

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