



# *The VOTER*

## *Newsletter of the League of Women Voters, San Bernardino Area*

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### CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gloria Anderson

My message this month is focused on two BIG League events that are coming up in May and June.

The first BIG event is our 41<sup>st</sup> Citizens of Achievement reception and awards ceremony on May 7 at the Elk's Lodge in San Bernardino. You will be getting an invitation to that soon, and we hope you will consider helping with it. We need you to bring food (homemade or bought or a donation of money to buy food) and we also need sparkling cider. We would also appreciate your help on that day with set-up or clean-up. Contact Kathy Ervin to tell her what you can do. Her email is [kervin@csusb.edu](mailto:kervin@csusb.edu). Her phone # is 909-864-6988. For food or donations, contact Miriam Nieto at [mniet005@gmail.com](mailto:mniet005@gmail.com) or (310) 817-1382.

This year we will be honoring 8 individuals and one organization for their community service. One of them is our League Board member, **Betsy Starbuck**, for leading the successful campaign for a new San Bernardino City Charter. The others who will receive awards are **Judith Ashton, Dr. Cesar Caballero, Dianne Landeros, Nellie Moore, Ramona Ramos, Renee Richmond, Jamie Rios, Gwen Dowdy Rodgers**, and the **Swans Club of San Bernardino**. By the way, the successful charter campaign might get us an award at the LWVC convention in June.

Our other BIG event is our 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Arrowhead Country Club. You will receive information about that in early May. And remember the member survey that arrived in your mail box recently? This is your opportunity to give us your opinion on local program positions that we have adopted over the years. Your responses will help the board decide on recommended program and issues for

emphasis in the coming year, so please e-mail, snail mail, or phone me with your thoughts by April 28<sup>th</sup>---or sooner. We will also be electing new board members, and so far, from what we have heard from the Nominating Committee, they're a very exceptional group.

We hope we will see you at one or both of these BIG events!

**Gloria Anderson** [glorand@juno.com](mailto:glorand@juno.com)



COMING UP

SOON

**Parliamentary Workshop**

On May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until noon there will be a workshop on parliamentary procedure. It will be held at the Garcia Center for the Arts, 536 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, San Bernardino. The instructor for the training will be Bob Palmer, President of the Inland Empire Parliamentary group. **Shirley Harlan** is asking our members to identify organizations or groups who could send one or two members to the workshop. This training will help them increase the effectiveness of their meetings and strengthen leadership skills in their boards and members. Shirley needs the names and contact information of leaders of organizations, and she will follow up with notifications and information. Respond to Shirley at [vldy@aol.com](mailto:vldy@aol.com) or 909-882-4057.

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## CITIZENS OF ACHIEVEMENT

May 7<sup>th</sup>-2:00-4:00, Elks Lodge, San Bernardino

**We need food for this event!** Please contact Miriam Nieto, [mniet005@gmail.com](mailto:mniet005@gmail.com) or call her at (310)817-1382 to tell her what you would be willing to bring to the event: cheese and crackers, fruit tray, vegetable tray, tea sandwiches, cookies, or other "finger food" goodie. You could also donate money to purchase food or supplies. This event is coming right up; this information is needed ASAP!

## ANOTHER REMINDER

All LWVSB members have received a survey to be returned to Gloria Anderson by **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. This is your chance to give your opinion on our current positions about Libraries, Equality of Opportunity for Women, Education, Health Care, Mental Health, Homelessness, Urban and Regional Planning, Transportation, and Water, and even our most recently revised position: City Charter. You can also suggest issues on which we should concentrate in the coming year. Mail your suggestions to Gloria Anderson, P.O. Box 1662, Crestline, CA 92325 or email [glorand@juno.com](mailto:glorand@juno.com)

Decisions about these issues will be presented at our annual meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at Arrowhead Country Club, with San Bernardino Mayor, Carey Davis as the luncheon speaker. You will receive more information about this in May.




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### NEWS FROM LWVCalifornia

#### **LWVC Climate Change Action Policy** Adopted by the Board of Directors March 26, 2017

*The League of Women Voters of California supports actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change in order to protect our state from the negative physical, economic, and public health effects. Local Leagues and ILOs are urged to engage at their local and regional levels. Our actions are to:*

- a) Promote energy conservation and efficiency in transportation, buildings, and infrastructure, including energy efficiency standards and land use policies that reduce vehicle miles traveled.*
- b) Promote carbon pricing by market mechanisms such as cap and trade systems and carbon taxes.*
- c) Promote a clean, low-carbon energy economy that is sustainable, including all forms of renewable energy and transportation infrastructure.*
- d) Promote policies that mitigate impacts of climate change by adaptation in urban, rural, agricultural, and natural settings.*
- e) Promote basic research and technology development, encouraging the use of a portfolio of technologies.*
- f) Promote solutions that ease consequences of climate-related hardships to low and moderate income households.*
- g) Promote public access and involvement in the decision-making process.*
- h) This policy is expanded upon and explained fully on the LWVC website <https://lwvc.org/issues/climate-change>*

## MORE NEWS FROM YOUR BOARD

The kit for our Annual Meeting will go out to members around May 12<sup>th</sup>. It will have the agenda, the registration for the meeting which occurs on June 10<sup>th</sup> and our positions on several issues.

Chaired by Lois Carson, the Nominating Committee is working diligently on nominations for officers and directors for the next two years. If you are called, give the possibility serious consideration.

A Budget Committee has been appointed to present the next fiscal year's budget for your consideration: That committee is composed of Gloria Harrison, Lee Manak and our Treasurer Bobbie Terrell.

We have several new members as of the past two months:

Gilda Gularte---is active in several organizations and has agreed to be an LWV Observer at the Highland City Council meetings.

James Albert---Active with SB Generation Now, lives in San Bernardino, involved in political action.

Rocio Aguayo---Active with SB Generation Now, student at SB Valley College.

If you know someone who you think would be interested in LWV, and would be a good member—please contact Miriam Nieto with the names and contact information. Scholarships are available for student members and will be paid from the Davis Trust Fund. [mniet005@gmail.com](mailto:mniet005@gmail.com)

Our new Treasurer, Bobbie Terrell, is providing us with a thorough explanation of our finances and investment account. The Board recently approved an audit report by Betsy Starbuck.

**Barbara Sokoloff** continues to be the Observer at the County Board of Supervisors meetings. She reports at each of our Board meetings, sharing questions which she has asked about agenda items and the answers she receives. There is a large amount of information in these reports.

The Nestle issue with Strawberry Creek in our mountains continues to unfold. A visit to the area was held recently with Susan Longville providing shuttle service from Rim of the World High School to the site of the meeting. Articles about the issue have appeared in several local newspapers. There will be additional reports on this as decisions are made.

Happy  
  
Spring!

