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Upcoming League Events

May 1, 2017 @ 11am – Board Meeting @ Redding Library Foundation Room

May 24, 2017 @ 5pm-9pm – LWVRA Annual Meeting; Guest Speaker Shasta County DA Stephanie Bridgett

June, 2017 @ 10am – Joint Board Meeting

President’s Note

I would like to offer my thanks to all of you great League of Women Voters of the Redding Area members for another wonderful year of events and activities. We have gained new members, held many election-related events, hosted another informative Soup/Supper, published a LWVRA Health Study Final Report 2017 and heard from various community people at our general meetings who have provided us with more in-depth knowledge of local issues and organizations. And we’ll be going out with a bang at our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 24 from 5 to 9 p. m. This year’s event will be held at the Dry Creek Station, 22025 Highway 299E in Bella Vista. You should have already received your packet of information (please bring with you) for this meeting as well as instructions for making your reservation. Our speaker will be recently-appointed Shasta County District Attorney Stephanie Bridgett. I’m sure it will be an interesting evening.

Registration begins at 5 pm and our business meeting (see packet sent to you) will begin at 5:20. You’ll hear about last year’s activities and help us plan for next year’s activities as well. You’ll be electing some new officers and board members.

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From 6:30 to 7 p.m., during “Social Time”, you’ll have a chance to catch up with what your fellow members have been doing this past year. Dinner, beginning at 7 p.m., will be literally à la carte. You’ll be able to order from the menu and will pay for your meal afterwards. Dry Creek offers a varied menu, delicious food, reasonable prices, and great service. Our speaker will be following dinner will talk about the District Office, what programs they are working on and what the challenges are. Feel free to invite a friend or family member who might be interested in attending but be sure to let Janet know as there are space limitations for seating. (Her contact information is below.)

At our April 25th general meeting, the featured speaker was Lynn Dorroh, CEO of Hill Country Health and Wellness Center in Round Mountain (with a clinic in Redding as well). She is amazing and we learned, among many things, that over half of their patients are from Redding! She also talked about the recently opened Hill Country C.A.R.E. Center in Redding, offering "Urgent Outpatient Mental Health Services 365 Days a Year". We may plan a field trip to this facility as part of our program for this coming year.

At least two of our Board members will be attending the League of Women Voters® of California Convention in Sacramento (June 1-4) as delegates. I’m sure they will return from that full of information and ideas to share with us and help us move forward into 2017 and 2018.

I hope to see you all at our Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 24!

Alice Bell, *LWVRA President*



League of Women Voters Annual Meeting
May 24, 2017 @ 5pm
RSVP by May 22nd to Janet Tyrrel at 243-1233 or
jbtyrrel@sbcglobal.net

By now all members should have received their packet for the League of Women Voters of the Redding Area’s 2017 Annual Meeting. This year the meeting will be held at the Dry Creek Station Restaurant in Palo Cedro, and in your packet you will have received a menu so that you can be ready to order your meal when you check in at the meeting.

Guests, spouses and prospective members are all welcome!



LWVRA President Alice Bell (center) and Board Member Marty Leard (in the row behind Alice, and two to the right) at the League of Women Voters of California convention in 2015. This picture was featured in the LWVC's thank you to volunteers for Volunteer Week 2017 (April 23-29)

Larry Olmstead and the United Way of Northern California's Prosperity Initiative

Larry Olmstead, CEO of the United Way of Northern California, was the speaker at LWVRA's April general meeting at Market Street Pizza & Deli. Mr. Olmstead gave a brief history of the UWNC, an organization that was started in 1953 and today continues to raise funds for local non-profit organizations. In 2014, UWNC also launched the Prosperity Initiative, bringing together local government, non-profit and business organizations to impact our community by supporting programs that address three specific areas of need in our area: increasing financial stability, improving workforce readiness, and developing our youth.



Larry Olmstead
CEO, United Way

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For more information on these programs, or on the United Way of Northern California and the Prosperity Initiative, go to <http://www.norcalunitedway.org/prosperity>.

LWVC Board Adopts Climate Change Action Policy

Adopted by the board of directors March 26, 2017

The League of Women Voters has been at the forefront of the environmental protection movement for decades, consistently supporting legislation to preserve our nation's natural resources and protect our public health and safety. We support legislation that seeks to protect our country from the physical, economic and public health effects of climate change while also providing pathways to economic prosperity. Global climate change is the greatest environmental challenge of our generation.

The LWVUS, in response to the growing concern about climate change and its impact on the environment, created a Climate Change Task Force in 2006 to provide information and assistance to the national board and staff and to develop materials for use by League members at the local, state and national levels. The task force developed and maintains a Climate Change Toolkit.

Greenhouse gases are a pollutant. In a 5-4 decision in April 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases meet the definition of "air pollutants" under the Clean Air Act of 1970.

California plays an important role in the climate change discussion, and what this state does is crucial. California produces seven percent of U.S. greenhouse gases (GHG) and is in 18th place in global emissions of GHG among countries (2013).

California is also playing a leadership role in reducing emissions, and regions within the state and local communities are taking steps to minimize the impacts of climate change by adoption of Climate Action Plans, Regional Climate Plans, and Sustainability Strategies, addressing sea level rise, and creating Adaption and Resiliency (Readiness) Plans.

Along with national League positions, LWVC positions on Air Quality, Energy, Land Use, and Transportation and the Growth Management and Sustainable Communities Action Policies all work together to support action.

This LWVC Climate Change Action Policy is designed for use by California state and local Leagues and Inter-League Organizations (ILOs) to guide specific action and education at their respective levels.

LWVC Climate Change Action Policy

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 travelled.*
- 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.*

Are legislative bodies allowed to use teleconferencing to make decisions?

The answer is yes, but it is not easy.

In the Brown Act, "teleconference" means a meeting of a legislative body where members are in different locations and connected by electronic means (audio or video or both), and must comply with all the requirements in the Brown Act. Teleconferencing may be used for all purposes in connection with any meeting within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. All votes taken during a teleconferenced meeting must be made by roll call.

When a legislative body of a local agency elects to use teleconferencing, an agenda must be posted at each teleconference location. In addition, each teleconference location must be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting, and each teleconference location must be accessible to the public.

During the teleconference, at least a quorum of the members of the legislative body must participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the agency has jurisdiction (with some exceptions).

The meeting must be conducted in a manner that protects the rights of the public connected to the call. The agenda must provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the legislative body directly at each teleconference site.

Susan Wilson, *First Vice President, LWVRA*

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City of Redding:
<https://reddingcityca.igam2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

City of Anderson:
http://www.ci.anderson.ca.us/city_administration/beta_agenda_and_minutes.php

City of Shasta Lake:
<http://www.ci.shasta-lake.ca.us/archive.aspx>

County of Shasta:
http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/bos_index/bos_agenda/archived_agendas.aspx

2017 LWVRA Calendar

May			
1 Monday	11:00 am – 1 pm	Board Meeting	Redding Library Foundation Room
24 Wednesday	5 pm – 9 pm	LWVRA Annual Meeting	Dry Creek Station, Palo Cedro Guest Speaker: Stephanie Bridgett, newly appointed Shasta County District Attorney
June			
TBA	10 am – noon	Joint Board Meeting	Alice Bell's home



**Welcome,
 New Member,
 Janice
 Powell!**



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- ___ \$65 Regular Membership (\$30 if submitted after
February, for April – October)
- ___ \$25 Supporting Membership
- ___ \$15 Student Membership

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone (home/cell) _____ Email _____

Mail check with this form to:
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extent allowed by law.



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How to Contact Your Elected Officials

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President Donald Trump (202) 456-1414
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/CONTACT/>

Congressman Doug LaMalfa (202)225-3076
<https://lamalfa.house.gov/contact/email-me>

CALIFORNIA

Senator Dianne Feinstein (202) 224-3841
<http://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me>

Senator Kamala Harris (202) 224-3553
<https://www.harris.senate.gov/content/contact-senator>

Assembly Member Brian Dahle
(916) 319-2001
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State Senator Ted Gaines (916) 651-4001
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