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The Voter
September-October, 2017

Presidents’ Note

Did you all notice the subtle change in the title of this column? Presidents’ Note (not President’s Note). There are now two of us at the helm sharing duties, which will have a great impact on what we do. It’s already happening with program planning for the year. Pam Crowe (newly elected Co-President, along with Alice Bell), Michele Schroeder and Sue Crandell have been hard at work arranging for a fantastic series of general meetings and special events for now through June 30, 2018. You’ve received bits and pieces of what will be happening (in the form of “save the dates” emails) and we’ll soon have more information to share with you all. You will not want to miss any of these this year, so get your calendars ready!

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you’ll find Pam Crowe’s and Susan Wilson’s much-condensed summary of the League of Women Voters of California’s Convention in Sacramento this past June. It’s such an inspiring opportunity to hear about what’s going on outside of Shasta County but it’s also challenging, especially when hearing about what much larger Leagues are up to. But I’m pleased with what we’ve accomplished and am looking forward to a year of more great opportunities to inform the public, hear from various candidates at our forums, partner with like-minded groups to spread the word and learn about a lot of things myself.

Your board works very hard to make the LWVRA more visible in our communities and we can always use more help from our members with our outreach activities. Please let us know what you can help with and we’ll sign you up!

Pam Crowe and Alice Bell, LWVRA Presidents
Q: What are the exceptions to the “meeting definition”?

A: The Brown Act creates six (or seven) exceptions to the meeting definition. However, a majority of members cannot discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specific nature that is within their local agency’s subject matter jurisdiction.

• **Personal contact:** Individual contacts between a member of the legislative body and any other person are allowed. This exception recognizes the right to confer with constituents, advocates, consultants, news reporters, local agency staff, or a colleague.

• **Conferences:** A legislative body majority may attend a conference or similar gathering open to the public that addresses issues of general interest to the public or to public agencies of the type represented by the legislative body.

• **Community Meetings:** A legislative body majority may attend an open and publicized meeting held by another organization to address a topic of local community concern.

• **Other Legislative Bodies:** A majority of a legislative body may attend an open and publicized meeting of: (1) another body of the local agency; and (2) a legislative body of another local agency.

• **Standing Committees:** A majority of a legislative body may attend an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee of the legislative body, provided that the legislative body members who are not members of the standing committee attend only as observers (meaning that they cannot speak or otherwise participate in the meeting).

• **Social or Ceremonial Events:** A majority of a legislative body may attend a purely social or ceremonial occasion.

• **Grand Jury Testimony:** Members of a legislative body, either individually or collectively, may give testimony in private before a grand jury. This is the equivalent of a seventh exception to the Brown Act’s definition of a “meeting.”
League of Women Voter's of California State Convention
June 1 – 4, 2017

If you have not attended a League of Women Voters California (LWVC) Convention, we suggest you plan to participate in the next one in 2019. It’s a full weekend of ideas to energize both our Redding chapter and Shasta County voters. Thank you for sending us as your representatives to convention in June. We came back with pages of notes plus packets of information that we’ve tried to condense below. If you have any questions, both Susan and I would love to share.

Plenary Sessions were straightforward:

• The California LWV bylaws were rewritten in order to simplify them; details are now found in Policies and Procedures. The new set was passed. There is no need to revise any local bylaws.

• The 2017-19 Program was approved, recommending retention of all existing studies, creating no new studies or update studies for 2017-19. Issues for Emphasis include (a) Making Democracy Work in California - with a focus on election reform, voting rights, expanding the electorate and money in politics; (b) Natural Resources – including climate change, water and land use/CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act); and (c) Response to changing federal policies and budget actions – ones with an impact on California in areas such as health care, immigration, the environment and tax reform.

• The Budget was approved. There are no dues hikes for this period.

The workshops and caucuses were many and diverse. Two of us could not take the time attend all of them, but we went to as many as we could. Following is the list of topics presented. The titles offer the flavor of the weekend. Between our notes and the notes on file at the LWVC office, we should be able to access information from any one of them. If one strikes your interest, talk to us and we’ll help dig into it.

Workshops:

Risk & Resiliency: Planning for an uncertain Future
Get to the Point! Writing for Everyone!
Climate Change: Taking it Local
Impact, Engagement, & Sustainability: Future Framework
Working with the Media
Impact & Influence


Engaging New Members around Local Issues
Go Fund Yourself: Money in the Mailbox!
Web-volution

Caucuses:
Water: What’s your Issue?
Fix Prop. 13!
Fostering Trust between Police and Community
Single Payer Healthcare for California
League Survival: Recruiting and Engaging New Members
Immigration and Deportation from a Border City Perspective
National Voter Corps: Voting Rights ACTION for all Leagues USA
Bridging the Divide: Sharing the Work of Local Leagues

The impressive array of speakers included Alex Padilla, California Secretary of State; Celinda Lake of Lake Research Partners; Chris Hoene of the California Budget and Policy Center; Jack Ohman, Pulitzer Prize Winner/Sacramento Bee Political Cartoonist; and Brook Binkowski of Snopes.com.

Sometimes the table talk was the best information we got – like talking with members of the Oakland League about their development of a multi-year strategic plan, or how 10% of the Grass Valley-Nevada City-Truckee Chapter membership is under 20 years old. If you have a question about the Convention, let’s start talking.

Pam Crowe, LWVRA Co-President and Susan Morris Wilson, LWVRA 1st Vice President
Annual Dues are Due on October 1st!

If you are a current member, you have already received your notice to renew your dues. If you are not a current member, sign up today using the membership form on page 7!

General Membership dues ... $65
Supporting Membership ... $25
Student Membership ... $15

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WHERE DO I FIND MY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETING AGENDAS?


City of Anderson: http://www.ci.anderson.ca.us/city_administration/beta_agenda_agendas.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/archive_agendas.aspx

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## 2017 LWVRA Calendar

Please note: Lunches with the League will be at Lulu’s, as of the Tuesday, October 31st General Meeting

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<th>State of the City Luncheon</th>
<th>Redding Civic Auditorium</th>
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<td>26 Tuesday</td>
<td>11:30 am – 1:30 pm</td>
<td>Lunch with the League – EVENING MEETING</td>
<td>Pilgrim Congregational Church Adverse Childhood Experiences training (open to the public)</td>
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___ $65 Regular Membership ($30 if submitted after February, for February - April)
___ $25 Supporting Membership
___ $15 Student Membership

Name_________________________________________________
Address_______________________________________________
City __________________________Zip_____________________
Phone (home/cell) ____________  Email __________________

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