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The Voter

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Upcoming League Events

January 18, 2017 @ 5:30 pm –
Soup Supper

January 31, 2017 @ 11am –
Lunch with the League – Planning meeting to set local and national priorities

February 6, 2017 @ 11am –
Board Meeting @ Redding Library Foundation Room

February 25, 2017 @ 10am –
Multicultural Celebration @ Central Valley High School

President’s Note

A big Happy New Year to all of you great League of Women Voters® of the Redding Area members! What a beautiful thing it is to see the snow-capped mountains surrounding Redding (when it’s not raining). It’s been a while since I’ve seen this much snow and it’s certainly welcome.

I’m looking forward to a moderately busy year for the League. Our first event coming up is the Soup/Supper at the McConnell Foundation on Wednesday, Jan. 18. The panel on health care will be very interesting and is a topic that is of great importance to us all.

On Jan. 24, our Health Report Committee will be meeting at the Redding Library (Fireside Room) to work on the health report, a culmination of over 3 years of study.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, our general meeting (at Market Street Pizza and Deli) will focus on planning for both our local League and the LWV of California. We’ll be asking you to help select what the focus should be for the next two years at the State level and for next year locally. We even want to encourage you to bring a friend along to participate (although they can’t vote, we’d certainly love to have their input as well). There’s an article elsewhere in this Voter newsletter about that.

In February, the LWVRA will be participating in the 14th Annual Multicultural Celebration at Central Valley High School, along with many other civic groups. This is such an amazing event and it gets better every year.

In March, we'll be having a public forum at the Redding Library (that would be on Saturday, March 18, from 3 to 5 p.m.). We're sponsoring a speaker from the California Fair Political Practices Commission. It should be very informative and attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions.

We're also planning for our remaining general meetings in February, March and April and our annual meeting as well. Information about those will be sent out when finalized.

Finally, the LWV of California's bi-annual Convention will be held in Sacramento this year, from June 1st to the 4th. We're hoping a good-sized contingent will be able to attend. It's a unique opportunity to meet members from other Leagues, to learn about a wide variety of issues and to work together on those issues.

I hope to see you all at the Soup/Supper and our January planning meeting.

Alice Bell, *LWVRA President*

Recently I was at a meeting and one of the "ad hoc" Committees was making a report. What is an ad hoc committee? Can I attend the meetings of the ad hoc committee?

The Brown Act describes **committees** when it discusses "legislative bodies" that must comply with the requirements of the Brown Act.

Specifically "standing committees" of any legislative body that must comply with the Brown Act also have to comply with the requirements of the Brown Act. As an example, if a legislative body appoints a "Leadership Committee" that meets monthly, has assigned attending members, and discusses issues pertinent to the legislative body, they must comply with the requirements of the Brown Act: post an agenda, allow the public to attend and hold public comment, make materials available to the public at the time of the meeting and so on.

An exception to these requirements is an "ad hoc committee". An ad hoc committee is a group of individuals who are less than a quorum of the legislative body, who are assigned a specific task and who meet only long enough (number of meetings) to complete that task. An example might be an ad hoc committee that is assigned to prepare a specific report for the legislative body: annually, the local mental health board prepares an annual report for the Board of Supervisors that is approved by the local mental health board prior to submission.

It is a fine distinction and must be very carefully considered before developing a committee structure. An ad hoc committee is not a way to avoid "open and public" actions or to make secret decisions.

BROWN ACT



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January 31, 2017 Planning Meeting

The League is a truly grassroots organization that sets its agenda through the Program Planning process. As members, this is our chance to help choose what we want California's and the League's future to be.

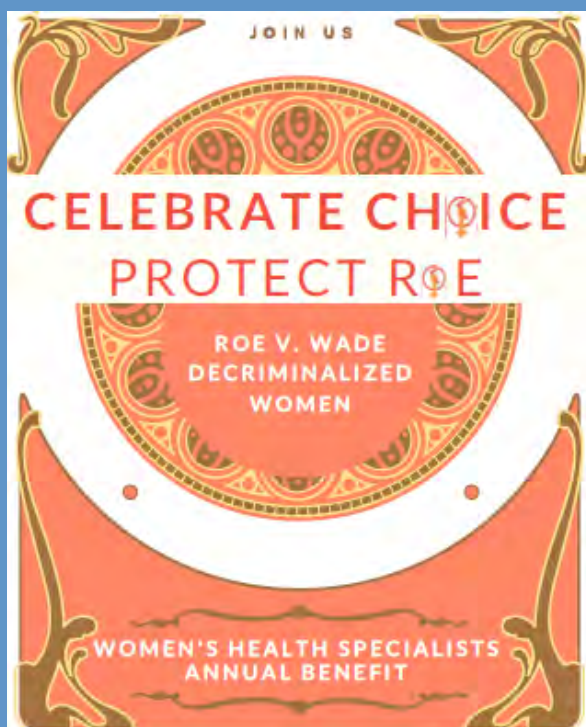
Join us at Market Street Pizza and Deli at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31, when we'll be discussing League policy and positions at the state level. Where should the League focus its energy over the next two years?

What are the issues of concern to us here in Shasta County? Where is there a need for legislative activity and other advocacy, both in Sacramento and in our city or county?

Advocacy is a key League activity year-round. For example, we supported or opposed 11 of the 17 statewide ballot measures in November, but in addition, 19 bills we supported – from climate change to voting rights – were signed into law this year alone.

What will we do to participate in the LWVUS Campaign to Make Democracy Work? Should we focus on community education? Was there an issue on the ballot this year on which you wished the League had been able to take a stand—so that we should have a new or updated study?

This is your opportunity to make your voice heard. **Please join us on Tuesday, January 31 at the Market Street Pizza and Deli for our planning meeting. No host lunch begins at 11:30am, with planning activities at noon. Information will be sent out ahead of time so that you can better prepare for this important meeting.**



Women's Health Specialists invites you to Celebrate Choice, in honor of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision protecting our right to choose. Celebrate our rights, with refreshments and feminist friends!

- Monday, January 23, 2017, 6-8 pm
- Armando's Gallery House and Restaurant
1350 Butte Street, Redding, CA

Visit the link below for event details, ticket purchases, and sponsorship options.

<https://www.womenshealthspecialists.org/donate/redding-celebration-of-choice/>

A Message from the National Organizers of the Women's March on Washington and an Invitation to March in Sacramento



On January 21, 2017 we will unite in Sacramento, California. The National March will happen on the same day in Washington, DC and in other cities across the United States. We stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families — recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country.

The rhetoric of the past election cycle has insulted, demonized, and threatened many of us – women, immigrants of all statuses, those with diverse religious faiths, people who identify as LGBTQIA, Native and Indigenous people, Black and Brown people, people with disabilities, the economically impoverished and survivors of sexual assault. We are confronted with the question of how to move forward in the face of national and international concern and fear.

In the spirit of democracy and honoring the champions of human rights, dignity, and justice who have come before us, we join in diversity to show our presence in numbers too great to ignore. The Women's March on Washington and its sister marches throughout the country will send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office, and to the world, that women's rights are human rights. We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us.

We support the advocacy and resistance movements that reflect our multiple and intersecting identities. We call on all defenders of human rights to join us. This march is the first step towards unifying our communities, grounded in new relationships, to create change from the grassroots level up. We will not rest until women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society. We work peacefully while recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all.

HEAR OUR VOICE. For those unable to attend in DC, please join us to stand in unity. This is not an anti-movement; this is an opportunity for people to come together to stand for love, respect, and inclusion. This is an **INCLUSIVE** march, and **EVERYONE** who supports women's rights are welcome.

There is a Rally bus available for those interested in attending the rally in Sacramento. Check out the website: <http://rallybus.net/womens-march-on-sacramento-ca/>. The bus may be full, but we have been told that if enough additional people sign up they may charter another.

This bus will pick you up in Redding, deliver you to the march site and return you back home the same day. No parking and traffic hassles and a chance to ride with like-minded, fired-up women and men. Good ideas include bringing your own food, dressing appropriately for a march and even making your own sign proclaiming that Redding is being represented. Men and families are more than welcome. Some Redding families are making the journey the night before, others are creating a car pool of participants. See the site below for details. Find a way to stand up now and for all time.

<http://www.womensmarchsac.com/event-details/>

New Laws in Effect in California in 2017



AB1322 – You can now be served alcohol at your local hairdresser – and it’s free! Salons and barbershops can now serve free beer and wine without a license, as long as the drinker is over 21 and getting a beauty service.

SB3 – California’s minimum wage will increase from \$10 an hour to \$10.50 an hour for businesses with 26 or more employees. The increase goes into effect for smaller employers in 2018.



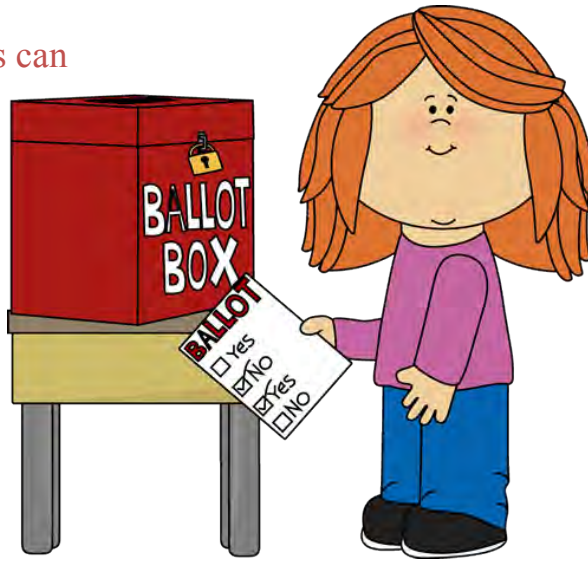
AB1511 – You can no longer loan a gun to anyone but a family member, unless you go through a licensed gun dealer. Any loan to anyone but a spouse, registered domestic partner, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, or grandchild must be conducted through a licensed firearms dealer.

AB1732 – Beginning March 1, 2017, all single-user toilet facilities in any business establishment, place of public accommodation, or government agency must be identified as all-gender toilet facilities



AB797 – If you see a kitty or puppy or other animal stuck in a hot car and can’t locate the owner, you can now break in and rescue them without facing liability for damaging property or for trespass, as long as you use no more force than necessary and turn the animal over to law enforcement or animal control.

AB1436 – Counties can now offer Election Day voter registration, and the County can also switch to an all-mail voting system for 2018, if it opts to do so (SB450).



AB2466 – Felons who aren't in prison or on parole can vote.

AB1494 – If you want to take a picture of your ballot and post it on social media (or do anything else with it), you can now legally do so.

WHERE DO I FIND MY LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETING AGENDAS?

City of Redding: <https://reddingcityca.ig2.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.shastalake.ca.us/archive.aspx>

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



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2017 LWVRA Calendar

January

18 Wednesday	5:30 pm – 8 pm	Soup Supper	McConnell Foundation
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31 Tuesday	11:30 am – 1 pm	Lunch with the League – Planning Meeting	Market Street Pizza & Deli
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February

6 Monday	11:00 am – 1 pm	Board Meeting	Redding Library Foundation Room
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25 Saturday	10am – 1pm	Multicultural Celebration	Central Valley High School
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28 Tuesday	11:30 am – 1 pm	Lunch with the League	Market Street Pizza & Deli
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March

6 Monday	11:00 am – 1 pm	Board Meeting	Redding Library Foundation Room
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18 Saturday	3:00 pm – 5 pm	Sunshine Week Speaker	Redding Library Community Room. To recognize Sunshine Week (March 12-18), Philip Ung from the California Fair Practices Commission will speak on “Building Trust in Government”
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- ___ \$65 Regular Membership (\$30 if submitted after
February, for April – October)
- ___ \$25 Supporting Membership
- ___ \$15 Student Membership

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

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UNITED STATES

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

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

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

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<https://www.harris.senate.gov/content/contact-senator>

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