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Join Us In Making Democracy Work

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS COMMUNITY ELECTION WORKING GROUP

by Wanda Shaffer, LWVNOC member of the Group

By 2012, all 58 CA counties can register online! The DMV is quite opposed to this. The ROV is delighted; it should be a great savings. The cost of an individual registration would go from \$3.10 down to \$. 35! Unfortunately, the ~\$2.7 million needed for the project is not yet dedicated. A federal grant may allow LA and OC to jointly apply. The concerns of security and payload are met by verifying the signature of the driver's license and by using a private network line through the Secy. of State, WAN. The June 5 primary election ballots will be mailed out April 26 -May 26. New provisional ballots! Poll workers will be pleased to know that the new provisional ballot will require only one envelope. There will be no provisional roster needed and it should make voting easier for poll workers and voters. **CHANGES DUE BECAUSE OF NEW CENSUS.** Orange County will still only give 4 translations of all voting materials, English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese. Not yet a 10% Filipino population to require Tagalog. LA is required to include Asian Indian, Alameda needs Vietnamese and Filipino, Sacramento-Chinese, Napa-Spanish, and San Diego needs to translate in Chinese and Vietnamese.



NEW ONLINE OFFERINGS in the New Year! (Soft launch in Jan.)

1. OC is the first county to offer online candidate filings. They can conduct 90% of their filing and paying online. (Signatures still need office visit.)
2. Each individual voter can look up features of their personal ballot. Simply input your address.
3. First in the country to offer "streamlining data"! You go online and you can follow all election results as they are counted!

Calendar

All members are invited to attend all events.

Holiday Party

Sun., Dec. 11

5-8pm

Host: Ellen

Ballard

Contact Frann

Shermet at

714-220-1338 or

fshermet@gmail.com for more information



Lunch With League

Thur., Jan. 27 11:30-1:30pm

Meridian Club

1535 Deerpark Dr

Fullerton, CA 92831

For reservations or information call 714-2547440 or go online to our website

lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org

Check out our website for more information for these events and more information about our League.

www.lwvnoc.org

4. A library will be offered that contains all ROV printed booklets and publications.

5. A knowledge base of FAQs, with no need to scroll down all of them, to be used like Google.

REDISTRICTING MAPS.....OLD AND NEW

The Sacramento Bee has a link where you can do a comparison of any congressional, Assembly, or State Senate districts for the past 10 year period beside the new Commission approved district for the next 10 years.



<http://http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/29/3804429/see-your-senate-assembly-or-congress.html#ixzz1d2p4xOI>

Editors note: Once again I am excited and proud to be part of an organization, which counts among its members such talented, accomplished and amazing people! Following is the story of one of these outstanding members, who will be speaking to us at our January Lunch With League!

I feel confident you'll want to join me for this event!

Meet Our January Lunch with League Speaker!

Marilyn Lees, MPA, Government & Advocacy Delegate LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS-ORANGE COAST



Marilyn Lees chose to work with the League in her retirement years, as a volunteer. She serves the Orange Coast Board of Directors as head of Advocacy for Government Issues. Her job is to manage a speakers bureau and advocate for key issues - ranging from air pollution to equal voting rights. She researches and writes much of the content used in public education at grassroots level--from high schools to senior centers.

Her education includes a BA in Journalism from University of Oregon, and an MPA degree in Political Science from California State University--Fullerton (CSUF).

Her first radio job while at college in Eugene, Oregon equipped her to accept a full-time scriptwriting position at

We Miss You!



You haven't forgotten--we know!

We have 158 members at present with 78 renewals. We are still waiting to hear from some of you! Send in your renewal as soon as you can!

Just in case you need a new form go to our website and download it: www.lwvnoc.org

Tributes



Tributes can honor a person for an exceptional event, help to observe a special occasion, as a salute to a deserving friend or colleague or serve as a memorial for a loved one. For publication in the Voter, send tributes along with a check to the LWVNOC Ed Fund, **Marguerite Lyon**, Tribute Coordinator, PO Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834. For more info call Marguerite at 562-431-0371 or visit our website at www.lwvnoc.org.

Lunch With League

CBS in Chicago. Married and a mother, she branched out into public relations for such firms as Phillip Morris cigarettes and Libby's foods. The Public Health Service hired her for experience marketing cigarettes—for a new program in the 1960s to instead advertise the HARM in smoking.

Then, after age 40 she chose public service, went back to college, and applied scriptwriting skills to preparing briefs for Sacramento and Washington lobbyists. Employed by the County of Orange, she analyzed positions and drafted new or amended legislation. Her proudest work produced changes in child abuse investigation, multi-ethnic access to prenatal care, and anonymous AIDS testing.

Lunch With League New Policies for Lunch with League

Everyone who attended the October 22 Lunch with League had high praise for the new Meridian venue, the great food, and the outstanding speaker. However, we encountered a few problems with the reservation system. This prompted the NOC Board of Directors to establish some new policies regarding Lunch with League.



•Anyone who wants to attend a Lunch with League must make a reservation.

There are three ways for members to make a reservation. (1) Telephone the NOC answering machine at 714/254-7440 no later than noon on the Monday before the event. Pay at the door on the day of the event. (2) Make a reservation on line at lunchwithleague@lwnoc.org no later than noon on the Monday before the event. Pay at the door on the day of the event. (3) Prepay for a future LwL when attending a LwL by putting a check or cash into an envelope that will be circulated among those present.

•Cancellations must be made by noon on the Monday before the event on line or by telephoning the NOC answering machine. Members must pay for a missed lunch if they cancel after the deadline or do not attend. "A reservation made is a reservation paid."

•If a person gives or sells a paid reservation to another person, there will be no charge; however an LwL director (Bette Frazier or Anita Smiley) should be notified before the event to avoid confusion at the door.

January Topic: National Popular Vote



Marilyn Lees, our speaker for our January Lunch with League, presented us with the questions you want to have answered about the National Popular Vote movement.

1. Why now?
2. Who's behind it--originally and currently?
3. Was it clear when we did the "voting compact" study 6 years ago that the final "product" would look like this?
4. Many lawyers oppose NPV. True or false?
5. Are any other countries doing this in their elections?
6. "Good guys" are often those with lowest campaign chests, so wouldn't they be excluded if EACH candidate had to work harder to raise campaign donations in EACH state?
7. Will vote COUNTING have the same controls across the board (every state)?

Be sure you're present for the answers and more for our January Lunch with League at the Meridian.

Make your reservations now at the website:
lunchwithleague@lwnoc.org