



THE VOTER

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Coming Soon: Our New Website!
Our Board voted to switch to Club Express, an Association Management Software. The website offered through Club Express has many exciting features that our current provider (MyLO) does not have. The national league uses Club Express as do many LWV chapters throughout the country. We hope to complete the transition and “go live” by mid-April. All members will receive a welcome e-mail to the new website when this happens. We think the new website will improve the ease of navigation and the overall experience for our members and visitors alike.

Classes Coming-
Many of you participated in a recent online survey about communication platforms the League has used. It’s critical that we have effective ways to connect with our members and supporters. The survey showed most are comfortable with e-mail and Zoom. But many found the website difficult to use. Even though we will be moving to a new website, many of the same skills will be needed to use the new web site.

Our SSUintern, Abby Thomason, will be designing a brief, online class for those interested in learning more about the LWV website and how to access its many resources. Also, Judie Coleman and Lynn Dooley

recently put on a class that was very successful on the basics of using Zoom. Please let us know if you would like a Zoom class to be offered again at membership@lwvsonoma.org.



Volunteer Opportunities:

If you have a little time and want to become more engaged in our League, consider signing up for one of these activities.

- Distribution of voter registration materials in the SRJC Santa Rosa area. This involves dropping off materials two or three times a year to fixed sites. Contact Jim Masters jmasters@cencomfut.com
- Observer Corp- Want to listen in on council and commission meetings and report what’s happening? If interested in learning more contact Leona Judson leonaj@sonic.net
- Sonoma County Supervisors has established a redistricting commission to redraw districts based on the 2020 census. For more information go to: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/CAO/Press-Releases/Sonoma-County-supervisors-establish-redistricting-commission/>

Board Briefs:

Members should be aware that there is an ongoing problem with the post office in getting our mail properly delivered. Linda Rosen is working on the problem, but meanwhile if you are getting mail returned even if it was properly addressed, or if you are not getting a response in a timely manner, contact treasurer@lwvsonoma.org or vpadmin@lwvsonoma.org for help.

One of the major focuses of board meeting was the need to recruit members for several major board positions, including President, and the Nomination committee is being formed to propose candidates. Some of these responsibilities can be shared. If you are interested or know of someone might be interested, contact the nominating committee at membership@lwvsonoma.org.

Committee Reports:



Advocacy-

The committee's upcoming meeting on March 10th will include a talk on groundwater issues in So. Co. The committee is exploring various local climate change organizations to work with. Judy Levy, our criminal justice representative, who monitors the IOLERO Citizens Advisory Committee. Sue Jackson monitors Housing and Homeless issues

including the County Community Development Commission, which approves funding for affordable housing projects. Busy Committee.

Community Outreach-

(Formerly known as the "Outreach Committee"). Sue Jackson, chair stated the main role of community outreach is to support the work of other committees. There was a review of topics other committees were working on, especially that of ways to engage younger voters. It was also decided that committee chairs will meet soon and see where collaboration can be most effective.

Voter Service-

The committee just completed a successful Pros & Cons forum for the special election in West County. "Making Democracy Work" is a four-part educational series presented in collaboration with the Marin LWV. The first presentation covered the basics of ranked choice voting. There will be three more presentations in the months ahead. Voter service will work with the Windsor Chamber of Commerce in the upcoming election for the vacated town council seat. The forum will take place March 25th on Zoom at 6PM.

Book Club Reads

March 18--Moderated by Sukey Robb-Wilder

Educated, a Memoir, Tara Westover, 334 pages, 2018.

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover prepared for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and sleeping with her "head-for-the-hills bag." In the summer she stewed herbs for her mother, a midwife and healer, and in the winter, she salvaged in her father's junkyard. The family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. The extremity of her upbringing emerges gradually through her telling, which only makes the telling more alluring and harrowing. As a way out, Tara began to educate herself, learning enough mathematics and grammar to be admitted to Brigham Young University, where she graduated magna cum laude and won a Gates Cambridge Scholarship. Her quest for knowledge would transform her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Cambridge and to Harvard. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home. With the acute insight that distinguishes all great writers, Tara Westover has crafted a universal coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change.

April 15--Moderated by Lee Lipinski

The Woman's Hour, by Elaine Weiss, 404 pages, 2019.

The Woman's Hour by Elaine Weiss is a stunning, multilayered narrative about the key figures (women and men) at the center of the drama during those fraught weeks in Nashville. It's an American story and therefore one about race and power, about the legacy of the Civil War, and about wounds yet unhealed or forgotten in the south; it's a story about a suffrage movement split over tactics and strategy, with one faction playing within accepted boundaries, and another more radical faction tired of waiting for men to do the right thing. Quote from *Santa Barbara Independent Review*. (10/16/19)

The 2021 Reading list is online at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZtbZjf6rDN02zzZ01J-0gRcg4uLXcb-T/view?ths=true>

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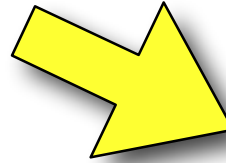
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Membership dues and donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law

Please circle any topics you are interested in knowing more about.

- Voter Registration, Candidate Forums, Transportation, Housing/Homelessness, Climate Change, Immigration, Newsletter, Website Management, Local Governance

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