

Atherton, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, Woodside

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## **Spotlight Event**

### **Winning the Vote: the Fight Continues**

Wednesday, August 14 - 7 pm to 8 pm

#### **Menlo Park Library**

800 Alma Street, Menlo Park

In honor of the 99th anniversary of women's suffrage, we'll talk about the "mighty political experiment" of granting women the right to vote.

In 1920, the 19th Amendment granted women the right to vote.

The **LWW of South San Mateo County** will explore the suffrage movement, including the birth of the League as a "mighty political experiment," and the strides and setbacks involved with making democracy work for everyone.

### **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion** **Thought for the Month**

“Think of a time you grossly misinterpreted a person (of any race) or situation. What information was missing that allowed you to draw incorrect conclusions? What in your belief system contributed to your misinterpretation?”

- From Debby Irving, Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race, Cambridge, MA: Elephant Room Press, 2014, page 68.

## **Breakfast with East Palo Alto Mayor Lisa Gauthier**

**Saturday, August 17, 9 am to 11 am**

**Lewis and Joan Platt East Palo Alto Family YMCA**

550 Bell Street, Community Room

East Palo Alto

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**LWSSMC** is delighted to host a breakfast with East Palo Alto Mayor Lisa Gauthier. We will be discussing issues facing East Palo Alto and its future.

**Light breakfast/socializing** 9 am - 10 am

**Mayor's remarks** 10:00 am - 10:15 am

**Q & A** 10:15 am - 11:00 am

## **LWV South San Mateo County Kick-Off Event**

**Saturday, September 21 - 9 am to 12 noon**

**Lida Urbanek's Home**

75 Tuscaloosa Avenue

Atherton

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Our **Annual Kick-Off Event** launches our **2019/2020 community activities calendar** which includes presentations on local, state, and national issues, candidate forums, voter outreach, and much more!

**Topic: 2020 Census - Everybody Counts!**

San Mateo County's Office of Community Affairs will be presenting the county's 2020 Census efforts to ensure a complete and accurate count.

**LWVSSMC** is working closely with San Mateo County to ensure that the 2020 Census is a success.

**Coffee and President's Welcome** 9:00 am - 9:45 am

**Speaker** 9:45 am - 10:45 am

**Business Meeting** 11:00 am - 12 noon

**More details soon!**

## From the President

First, let me introduce myself and say what an honor it is to be asked to serve as the South San Mateo League President. I'm Tracy Clark, a third-year member of this League and previous VP of administration for LWVSSMC. I am a 26-year resident of Emerald Hills. I have two daughters and previously taught in Palo Alto Unified and Redwood City School Districts. I am looking forward to working with a broadly talented and enthusiastic board this coming year.

The Summer began with an outstanding turnout for our annual dinner on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Our own Carol Jensen gave a well-received talk on the electoral college. Two days later our delegation left for the State Convention in Pasadena. The theme this year was, "Let the Sun Shine In, inspiring Californians to increase their active and informed participation in civic life." The South County delegation consisted of Barbara Windham, Geoff Ryder, Karen Moore, Linda Atkinson, and myself. Barbara was successful in communicating the data analysis work her committee has been doing regarding the Schools and Communities First Initiative to LWV Leadership and other leagues around the state.

We attended sessions and caucuses on fund raising, candidate forums, climate change, water resources, civil discourse, Schools and Communities First, and more. This was my third convention. I come away from each one inspired.

Be sure to keep an eye on our website, pay attention to the e-blasts that Debbie Maio, our Communications Director, sends out, and to read The Voter. These are the best ways to stay current on upcoming league events. The website will soon include a new page dedicated to 2020 Census information.

The board will meet in August for their annual retreat to plan how to implement the program approved at the annual meeting. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer with its time for trips and family. As the fall builds toward California's primary, the pros and cons presentations, candidate forums, and voter registration events will start to fill the calendar. We will need all members, all hands! Stay tuned!

**Tracy Clark, President**

## Women's Equity - Global, National, & Local Perspectives— LWV Bay Area

Saturday, August 17 - 10:30 am to 1:30 pm  
**Downtown San Francisco Library**  
100 Larkin Street, Latino Room

Learn how women are gaining (or losing) equality and equity around the world and at home. Find out what ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment can mean to help achieve gender equity. Don't miss this chance to discuss how we can help women's equity and equality along.

## **NEW VOICES FOR YOUTH Summer Programs**

New Voices for Youth is a jointly sponsored project of the Leagues of Women Voters of South San Mateo County and Palo Alto. Our mission is to help youth become aware of issues in their lives and their communities and use video production to make their “voices heard.” Visit [New Voice's For Youth](#) to learn more about the program and watch some of the videos that the kids have made. You can also browse [NVFY YouTube channel](#).

This summer, New Voices held programs for middle and high school students in the East Palo Alto Boys and Girls Club and the Siena Youth Center in the North Fair Oaks community of Redwood City. Sanjana De Silva (Sanji) taught both programs with Student Assistants, Jonathan Guillen and Kimberly Ortega-Ramirez. On the last day of class in the Boys and Girls Club, Sanji and Club staff decided to do a Voter Registration event along with showcasing the students' videos. Geoff Ryder, LWVSSMC Voter Service Chair, provided material and several students were able to pre-register for next year's elections. A good start in civic participation with the League's help!

Members of both Leagues serve on a Steering Committee to guide the operations of the program. Join us to visit or become a member.



### **Co-Chairs:**

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## Women's Equality Day Event--WCLN

**Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>** 5 pm to 7 pm  
Belmont Library  
1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont

Join **Women's Community Leadership Network** to celebrate the 99th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote in the U.S.A. Network with women leaders as we discuss the importance of women as voters, policymakers, and the link to being counted in the 2020 Census!

[Purchase Tickets](#) - \$10 tickets - Students free with ID.

## Presentation of the film "Paris to Pittsburgh" - LWVC Climate Change Task Force Bay Area

Tuesday, August 13 - 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

**Cambrian Branch Library**  
1780 Hillsdale Ave. Community Room, San Jose  
See map: [Google Maps](#)

**See the acclaimed documentary about how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change.**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

See the trailer of Paris to Pittsburgh [here](#) (it's worth watching). [More information on the event.](#)

Sponsored by the **League of Women Voters of San Jose/Santa Clara**

## Civil Discourse Presentation - from Polarization to Collaboration

Saturday, September 21, 2019 – 1 pm to 5 pm  
**Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**  
728 W Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale  
See map: [Google Maps](#)

Our country is having trouble making important decisions and solving problems. Americans find it is harder to even talk with one another. **We will share views on ways to bridge the divide.**

**Join the conversation - [Click here to register](#)**

Sponsored by the **Leagues of Women Voters of Santa Clara County** and the **American Association of University Women Interbranch Council Santa Clara County**

## Upcoming LWVSSMC and Partner Events

<b>AUGUST</b>		
Tues 13	6:30 – 9 pm	<b>FILM—“PARIS TO PITTSBURGH”</b> Cambrian Branch Library, 1780 Hillsdale Ave, Community Room, San Jose.
Weds 14	7 – 8 pm	<b>WINNING THE VOTE: THE FIGHT CONTINUES.</b> Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma Street.
Sat 17	9 – 11 am	<b>BREAKFAST WITH EAST PALO ALTO MAYOR LISA GAUTHIER.</b> Lewis and Joan Platt EPA Family YMCA, 550 Bell Street, Community Room, East Palo Alto.
Sat 17	10:30 – 1:30	<b>LWVBA MINI-LEAGUE DAY WORKSHOP ON WOMEN’S EQUITY.</b> Downtown San Francisco Library, Latino Room, 100 Larkin Street.
Mon 26	5 – 7 pm	<b>WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY EVENT.</b> Belmont Library, 1110 Alameda de las Pulgas.
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Sat 21	9 am – 12 noon	<b>LWVSSMC FALL KICKOFF!</b> Outdoors at Lida Urbanek’s home, 75 Tuscaloosa Avenue, Atherton.
Sat 21	1 – 5 pm	<b>CIVIL DISCOURSE PRESENTATION—FROM POLARIZATION TO COLLABORATION.</b> Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave, Sunnyvale.