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BOARD MEETING CHANGE
Regular Board meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month.

Saturday, May 7
Higher Ed Consensus
9 a.m.—noon, Stone Soup

Monday, May 16
Regular Board Meeting
5 p.m., League Office

Monday, June 20
Regular Board Meeting
5 p.m., League Office

Friday, July 29
Board Retreat
Home of Mary Savala
Details to follow

An enthusiastic crowd of more than 150 people filled the house at Roger Rocka’s Dinner Theatre on April 18 to celebrate the League’s 75th anniversary in Fresno. Guests included many League members as well as sponsors and local dignitaries from education, government and non-profit organizations.



by Francine Farber

Co-hosted by president Nyla Zender and past president Francine Farber, the event featured Fresno’s first woman mayor, Karen Humphrey, as the main speaker. She spoke about the relative scarcity of women in top government positions and urged the League and other organizations to help break the political glass ceiling. She predicted that it is finally time for a woman to be president of the United States.

The evening was dedicated to Rosellen Kershaw, twice a League president and the first 50-year member of the League, who passed away in September. A video tribute featuring people from some of the many organizations she led speaking about her involvement was created by Board member Dr. Lisa Bryant. Rosellen’s daughter, Julie Marsoobian, spoke movingly about her mother’s involvement with League. Julie was given a certificate indicating that the League had made a generous donation to Friends of the Fresno County Library, an organization that Rosellen initiated and participated in for many years.

Dr. Richard Haas was given the Werner Lipton Award for environmental activism. It was presented by Radley Reep, last year’s winner.

The event was opened by the Color Guard from the Junior ROTC at Fresno High School, directed by Lt. Col. Lester Zielinski (ret.). Emma De Zubiria, granddaughter of the Farbers and daughter of members Andrea and Rodrigo De Zubiria, sang a rousing Star Spangled Banner. She was followed by the PA (Performing Arts) Singers from Roosevelt School of the Arts led by Choir Director Richard Woods. The singers performed group and solo numbers to the delight of the audience.

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President's Message



Recently I had the opportunity to join a group of League Members answering phones at the Elections Office on the day of the 31st Assembly District special election. I received a couple of calls from individuals complaining that they did not receive a ballot or any notification of the election, nor did several of their friends. They suspected some kind of election conspiracy to prevent members of a particular political party from voting.

I remained calm, checked out their statistics on the computer, and informed them that they did not reside in the 31st Assembly District and could not vote in this special election.

I also worked at the elections warehouse unfolding vote-by-mail ballots and witnessed the great care taken to honor each ballot. Duplicates were made of ballots that could not be processed by machine. This is a very time and labor intensive process and is carefully supervised.

County personnel educated us on how they process provisional ballots. If anyone has filled out a regular ballot and then a provisional, it will be detected and only the first ballot will be counted. There are many checks and double checks throughout the entire process.

I know my callers are not alone in their mistrust and many people are convinced that there is much more voter fraud than the facts would bear out.

Several states, using the pretext of preventing abuse of the system, have put up barriers making it more difficult to vote, particularly among the poor and minority groups. Requiring Voter ID's, reducing the hours and number of days the polls will be open, closing polling places in certain areas, etc., disproportionately affects the poor and minority voters.

We are fortunate in Fresno County to have elections run as they should, and to live in a state that does not put up barriers that make it more difficult for citizens to exercise their most precious right in a democracy, the right to vote.

Nyla

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Member News

If your membership renewal date is in April, you should have received your dues notice. We would appreciate your sending in your renewal check promptly to avoid further costs for the League.

The League is now a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization so your dues payments and all donations are tax deductible and gratefully accepted.

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Health Care

by Richard Bertken, M.D.



Kentucky's new Republican governor Matt Bevin has undertaken the daunting challenge of decommissioning a very effective version of Obamacare felicitously known as Kynect. So far the Kynect exchange is still up and running, and he is engaged in a war of words and numbers with high-profile patient advocacy groups.

Some 600,000 people gained insurance in the high-poverty state due to the ACA. He is in a position to kill all elements of Obamacare by executive action, but instead he is advocating replacing Kynect with the federal exchange and retaining the Medicaid expansion, albeit with additional cost controls such as copays. These are very unpopular ideas. Even the eminent Kentuckian Mitch McConnell believes that Kynect should be retained while head-scratchingly calling for the repeal of Obamacare in Congress.

California performing well

In another universe called California, the ACA is performing well if not spectacularly, with wide political support. A recent State Auditor report calls Covered California's financials "high-risk." The exchange's Board has responded with earnest plans to implement the auditor's recommendations.

The State Legislature passed Ricardo Lara's SB4, granting MediCal status to unauthorized immigrants under 19 years old. Lara's ambitious plan to

cover all the remaining involuntary uninsured, chiefly unauthorized adult residents, is stalled due to state budget considerations. We apparently do not have another billion dollars to spend, even if it might result in long-term savings.

Central Valley issues

The Insure the Uninsured Project, a large public benefit group funded by health insurers and the California Endowment since 1997, has filed a detailed report on the "remaining uninsured" in the Central Valley. The report documents the counties' shortage of funds, of administrative and educational services, of health care personnel, and of political will to address the uninsured, concluding that a statewide solution is required—such as expansion of MediCal and of medical training programs and medical school sites in Central California.

Fresno group meets monthly

Here in Fresno, monthly meetings of the Remaining Uninsured Stakeholders have replaced the ACA Stakeholders meetings. Our Director of Public Health, David Pomaville, earned kudos for setting up a program to fund specialty care for uninsured patients referred from our public and rural clinics. However, the most effective approach for providing comprehensive services has been invoking a MediCal eligibility loophole called PRUCOL. This permanent resident

status allows many unauthorized immigrants access to MediCal coverage.

Finally, the FDA reached a legal agreement with Amarin Pharmaceuticals that permits the firm to market a product for an indication other than that for which it was approved by the FDA ("off-label" marketing). Amarin won key court cases against the FDA's prohibition of their marketing plan on the basis of legal precedents defining first amendment rights to freedom of commercial speech. While the FDA must become more nimble

and responsive in support of drug development, this legal decision is widely regarded as undermining the FDA's ability to protect consumers.



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An applause-filled finale followed after the presentation of flowers to 50-year members Linda Mack and Hanna Krebs, as well as to 10 past presidents: Linda Mack, Mary Savala, Jane Worsley, Sue Strauss, Ann Kaufher, Joan Lipton, Shirley Valett, Jacquie Canfield, Francine Farber and Georgia Sisson, who traveled from Texas for the occasion.

Voter Services

by Marianne Kast



Spring has been an eventful season for LWVF Voter Services. The 31st Assembly District candidates forum that we co-sponsored with Reedley College on March 23 was attended by 90 people including several dignitaries from the City of Reedley and Reedley College. Dr. Bryan Tellalian, the moderator, did a great job keeping the candidates focused, and League members assisted with audience questions and timing.

That same week we began working at the Elections Department warehouse, unfolding mailed-in ballots and proof-reading the June ballot in Spanish and English. Many thanks to LWV members Mary Perich, Sylvia Woodburne, Terry Johnson, Ruth Afifi, Margaret Johnson, Hanna Krebs, Patty Campbell, Judi Steele, Patsy Anderson, Kay Bertken, Trudi Thom, Liz Shields, Nyla Zender, and friend, Amy Schmidt, for your flexibility and cheerful work over the two-week election period.

On Election Day we provided information by phone to voters from throughout the County about the Special Election. Many people wondered why they hadn't received election materials. Since the City of Fresno is divided between two State assembly districts (the 23rd and 31st) but advertising by the candidates was widespread, we had a steady stream of calls to answer. Thank you to phone volunteers Mary Savala, Liz Shields, Jennifer Williamson, Nyla Zender, Jane Worsley, and Rosemary Pfeiffer.

There are numerous theories about why young people don't vote in the numbers they might. One thought is that the very mechanics of voting is off-putting for those whose families have never voted. Brandi Orth, Fresno County Registrar of Voters, and others believe that giving students authentic voting experiences could counteract this uncertainty and encourage voting. The League has partnered with the Elections Department to provide and operate actual voting equipment at area high schools for mock civil elections and/or high school student body elections. In fact, the Fresno area Civic Education Task Force has proposed holding mock elections at every Fresno County high school this fall.

Education

by Kay Bertken



The Fresno Unified Board of Trustees continues to discuss staff budget proposals, approved the terms of the negotiated contract with the Fresno Teachers Association, and determined to reject all prior bids and rebid the contract for work at Fig Garden Elementary. An attorney addressed the board in late March, indicating unspecified complaints about the bid. Later the Bee revealed that the bid had included subcontracting with Fresno Unified Trustee Brooke Ashjian's paving company. The most interesting development in the school board meetings was a presentation by LWV member Howard Watkins about the importance of con-

ception to two years old as the key period in a child's development and future success. He gave the board members copies of his summary of two books, both by Robin-Kerr Morse and Meredith Wiley; *Ghosts from the Nursery: Tracing the Roots of Violence*, and *Scared Sick: the Role of Childhood Trauma in Adult Disease*. He urged the board to include education on early childhood needs and good parenting as part of the District's sex education curriculum. He pointed out that in very short order high school students will be contributing to the success or failure of the District's future students.

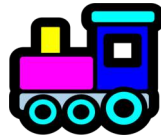
In the meantime, Howard brought Ms. Wiley to speak at the monthly meeting of The Children's Movement. She gave an eye-opening presentation about the devastating effects of childhood neglect on the life chances of

children and our society's misplaced allocation of resources to ameliorate these effects rather than prevent them. A stunning graph showed the inverse relationship between a child's capacity to learn—enormous in the earliest years and tailing off with age—and the resources devoted to that child—very low in infancy and increasing with age as that child exhibits learning disabilities, school failure, criminal behaviors and/or poor health outcomes.

Members of the Civic Learning Partnership have stepped up to mentor CART students in civic participation projects. Student teams will research and work on solutions to community problems that they have selected. In addition, The Partnership will be piloting a civic participation curriculum in middle schools in the county. The Partnership is also proposing mock elections in area high schools prior to the November Presidential election.

Transportation

by Stephenie Frederick



Cap & Trade Dollars

The City of Fresno proposes to increase transit ridership and connect meaningfully to the coming high-speed-rail (HSR) station by means of a multi-year program called the "Metropolitan Rapid Transit and Rail Connectivity Project."

The project has three phases:

Phase One: capital improvements to high-frequency routes in the FAX system that will improve efficiency of operations and ease of use for users;

Phase Two: capital improvements to the street network around the HSR station to improve mobility for vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users -- and to enhance opportunities for transit-oriented development;

Phase Three: the analysis, design, and construction of an intermodal transit center adjacent to the HSR station to facilitate multimodal transfers from HSR to FAX, regional transit providers, rental cars, bike-share programs, taxis, and transportation network providers like Uber and Lyft.

The city submitted a funding proposal to the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, which provides grants from California's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. LWVF wrote a letter of endorsement to accompany the proposal.

FAX Improves Service

FAX applied for and received funding from Caltrans's "Low Carbon Transit Operations Program." Director Brian Marshall used the funds to put extra buses, called "trippers," into service on routes that are standing room only during peak commute hours

FAX has applied for a second year of funding from the same source. If awarded, the funds would be used to increase frequency of weekend services on certain routes. Fresno is becoming a city with a service-based economy whose work shifts occur daily around the clock. Without evening, night, and weekend transit, getting to work poses great difficulty for the low-income workers who hold these service jobs. FAX is attempting to meet the demand for expanded service.

Proposal Re Measure C Dollars

One component of the Measure C county-wide transportation tax is a fund intended to consolidate the BNSF rail line into the Union Pacific corridor, thereby reducing traffic congestion at intersections through the city. The two rail companies failed to warm to the project; with high-speed rail destined to be built in the Union Pacific corridor, the envisioned consolidation program now cannot be realized.

The back-up use for the money was to create grade-separation crossings (that is, a road goes over or under a rail line or another road). Before the fund could be put to that use, the Fresno County Transportation Authority authorized use of \$25 million from the fund to tempt the high-speed rail authority to locate its heavy maintenance facility in Fresno. This left approximately \$4 million in the account; more money comes into the account each year.

The City of Fresno has proposed to borrow \$7.3 million from the fund and repay the amount with interest in 2022, using its future trail allocations. The borrowed money would be used to construct an off-street pedestrian-bicycle trail that would connect the City of Clovis Old Town Trail to the Manchester Mall.

The result would be an immensely long trail system that would connect not only to the Clovis Old Town Trail, but beyond to the Sugar Pine Trail. Because of the benefits to the community, the League supports this use of Measure C funds, as long as enforceable guidelines (in contract form) are created to ensure that the fund is repaid.



Left: Happy LWVF members

Right: Pres. Nyla Zender

Below Left: Julie Marsoobian, Rosellen's daughter

Below Right: Hanna Krebs and Linda Mack, who have been LWVF members for more than 50 years



Left: Speaker Karen Humphrey, first woman mayor of Fresno

Right: Radley Reep presents Lipton Community Advocacy Award to Dick Haas (right)



MINUTES FROM THE 75TH ANNUAL MEETING — APRIL 2, 2016 Submitted by

President Nyla Zender called the meeting to order at 9:55AM. There were 23 members in attendance. In the absence of Alice Powell, Nyla read the Rules of the Day. The Reading Committee members are Terry Johnson and Mary Savala. Terri Figgs discussed the proposed 2016-2017 budget. She answered questions from members regarding the budget items. She thanked Mary Savala for her help in putting the budget together. Nyla recognized past presidents of the Fresno League who were present. They are Mary Savala, Joan Lipton and Jacque Canfield. She praised them for the contributions which they have made to the Fresno League. Dolores O'Neal reported that the Fresno League has 143 members. We continue to recruit new members.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

VOTER SERVICES Marianne Kast reported on the activities of her committee. Members have been involved in sorting ballots, answering phones at the Election Department, and voter registration. She invited those present to attend the candidates forum at Reedley College for the 31st Assembly District.

NATURAL RESOURCES Mary Savala spoke about League's monitoring and criticizing the County's Friant Corridor Feasibility Study. We managed to persuade the County Planning Commission not to recommend the study report to the Board of Supervisors. We continue to support the City of Fresno's updated General Plan. We also support additional and better maintained parks all over the city. We also continue to encourage

the City Council to develop a City Parks Master Plan.

TRANSPORTATION Mary Savala, in the absence of Stephenie Frederick, reported that LWVF holds positions on the Citizen Oversight Committee for Measure C, and the COG Transportation Technical Committee. The League advocates for transit improvements, for use of flexible funding for transit instead of road repair, for infill development, and for containment of residential-retail sprawl on the periphery of the city.

WATER Mary Savala, in the absence of Diane Merrill, spoke about how complicated the water issue has become. Diane serves on the LWVC water committee and continues to inform the LWVC committee about water issues of concern in the Central Valley. LWVF encourages water agencies in Fresno County to develop groundwater storage and recharge projects that will be competitive for 2014 Proposition 1 water bond funds.

STUDENT UNIT Lisa Bryant reported that the Student Unit has eleven members. The unit is working in partnership with the Maddy Institute. They have been involved in voter service events and are working on the Higher Ed Study with Liz Shields. The Unit joined a collaborative effort of over 60 college campuses across the U.S. to track student voter registration and exchange strategic tips to get college students registered and out to vote.

PROGRAM PLANNING Pat Campbell reported on the involvement of LWVF in the 2015 state and local priorities which were water, land use and transportation. We have

also been informing ourselves on the Higher Education Study.

At our annual Ice Cream Social the Bette Peterson Scholarship recipients were introduced. Kerri Donis, Fresno Fire Chief, received the Women's Equality Day award.

A Friant field trip was organized to make members aware of proposed development projects planned for the area. At the Program Planning Meeting in February it was decided that we would maintain our local priorities from last year adding a plan to organize an outreach program. In national priorities we support the proposed program focus, "Making Democracy Work", which includes Voting Rights, Voter Protection and Service, Election Reform and Defending the Environment.

OUTREACH PROGRAM Radley Keep spoke about the decision made at our Program Planning Meeting to do a self-evaluation of our effectiveness. Some items to be addressed include: making our presence known and our messages heard, linking up with other non-profit organizations, and increasing our efficiency. The first meeting will be held in May.

ADOPTION OF 2016-2017 BUDGET

The budget was approved. Special thanks to Terri Figgs and Mary Savala for all the work put in to develop the budget.

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Minutes of Annual Meeting

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RATIFICATION OF LOCAL PRIORITIES

The local priorities for 2016-2017 were approved. They are: water, land use planning, transportation with an overall concern for our planet, and we would like to plan outreach programs through a speakers bureau.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Jennifer Williamson reported on the work of the Nominating Committee. The report was approved. The slate of officers and directors was approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2016-2017

The members are Liz Shields, Joan Lipton, Terry Johnson, Dolores O'Neal, and Diane Merrill.

INSTRUCTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nyla asked the members present to write comments, suggestions, and advice to the Board.

INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATES TO LWVUS CONVENTION

Pat Campbell reviewed the priorities for national. She also spoke about the items which had been considered for concurrence. None of the items from other Leagues were approved by the Fresno League. Nyla asked members present to write suggestions for our delegates who will be attending the LWVUS convention in June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Liz Shields reminded us of the Higher Ed Study meeting at CSUF on Tuesday, April 5.
- ◆ Ruth Afifi asked us to sign the petition for AB700 (Disclose Act).
- ◆ Howard Watkins talked about the importance of education for children from conception to age two. He handed out a report he had written on the topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30A.M.

Behavioral Health

by Carolyn Evans



The April meeting of the Behavioral Health Board (BHB) began with the heartwarming success story of a young man who had progressed during conservatorship from a mental health recovery center, to a transitional residential program, to independent living in his own apartment. It was reported that 53 people had been members of his support team; some of those, including his parents and case manager, were at the BHB meeting to celebrate his success.

BHB has made the expansion of supportive housing its number one priority and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. At today's meeting Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) introduced a housing consultant from Harder + Company who has begun work on estimating the needs, identifying the gaps, and creating a plan to expand housing for clients of DBH at all levels of care. The consultant team will determine the number of clients who lack adequate and/or stable housing, document the existing housing inventory and identify gaps, and create a plan with clear recommendations. The work has begun with DBH and will continue with surveys and focus groups, including clients, families, contracted providers, and community partners.

Board members reported on their site visit to Central Stars Youth Psychiatric Health Facility. Everyone is pleased finally to have a local, inpatient psychiatric facility for adolescents, but as was pointed out, occasionally all 16 beds are full, so children still must be sent out-of-town for hospitalization. Board members had an opportunity to speak with the staff psychiatrist, who spoke of the high recidivism rate, which he blamed on the lack of appropriate managed care. BHB will invite him to a future board meeting to express his concerns to the community.



The Building Healthy Communities #Parks4All campaign is stepping up the pressure to persuade the City of Fresno to appoint an Advisory Committee to the City's Parks Master Plan Update and to begin the planning process. The City agreed to the update over a year ago and allocated \$450,000 for the update, but a planning consultant has not yet been chosen. BHC partners are meeting with Council members and candidates for City Council and Mayor to push for the council and candidates' commitment to prepare a plan which

would assess the condition of existing parks, focus on the needs of all neighborhoods, and which would make recommendations for concrete implementation strategies with south and west Fresno neighborhoods as park priorities.

The parks funding community coalition continues to meet to explore park funding strategies. The Trust for Public Lands has offered to fund a study for Fresno County on parks funding strategies, and the City of Fresno has agreed to a collaboration on the study, but the Board of Supervisors has not yet agreed to cooperate. The coalition will be talking to individual supervisors to educate them about the study.

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