



League of Women Voters of Monterey County



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Saturday, May 9, 2015

LWVMC 88th Annual Meeting

Coffee & Brunch 9:30am / Meeting 10am / Adjourn 12 noon

RSVPs Greatly Appreciated

Help us plan for sufficient refreshments and room set up. Please contact

Janet Brennan by Thursday May 7.

Phone 659-2090, JanetB@montereybay.com

We Need a Quorum of Members

Per League by laws, we need a quorum in order to conduct League business, including election of officers and directors, budget, local program issues for emphasis, and updates to positions.

Don't forget to Bring Your Agenda

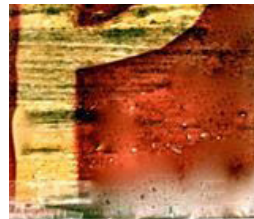
A copy of the "Call to the Annual Meeting" agenda was included in the center of the April Voter (the white 4-page insert).

It includes the Budget for you to review prior to discussion at 10:30 am.

Guest Speaker Royal Calkins

Royal Calkins was the former Editor of the *Monterey County Herald* and now has the blog, "Monterey Bay Partisan"

(www.montereybaypartisan.com) with over 500 subscribers.



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Royal's presentation topic to the League Annual Meeting will be "The Fall and Rise of the Local Press."

Need Additional Meeting Information?

Please contact **Janet Brennan**, JanetB@montereybay.com

The Annual Meeting will be in the same location as last year:

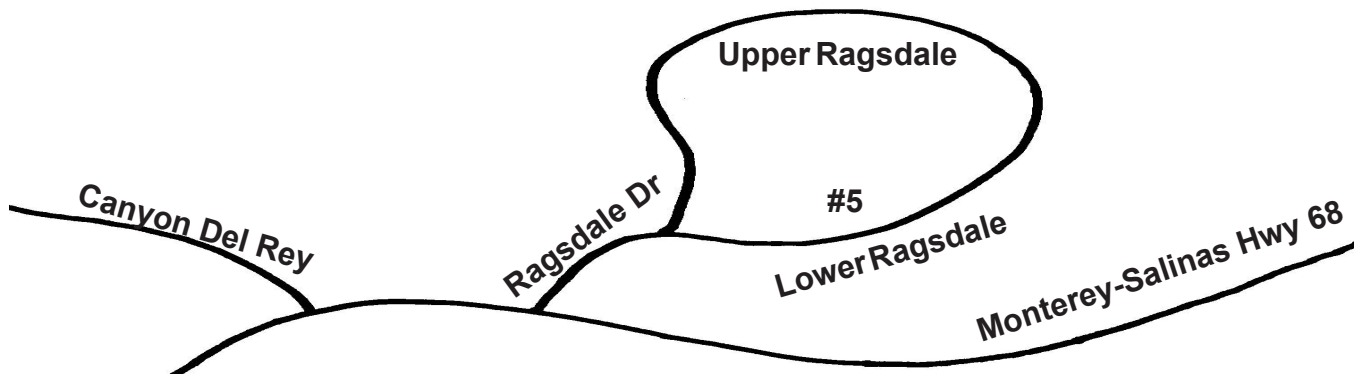
Salinas Valley Health Care System Building

5 Lower Ragsdale Road

Ryan Ranch, Monterey CA 93940

Highway 68 to Ragsdale Drive; Right on Lower Ragsdale Road; park anywhere (weekend rules).

Enter main door and follow signs to LWVMC meeting.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2015



Our “Lunch and Learn” meetings ended with a successful presentation on **Monterey Downs** in April. Not only did we receive excellent press coverage, the response from numerous attendees was gratifying. Generally, people who contacted me praised the presentation as informative, even-handed and helpful—characteristics that foster the League’s reputation.

As we come to the close of our regular meetings, the Board will be meeting in early June to plan for next year’s programs. **Please let Board members know ideas you may have for Lunch and Learn meetings starting in the fall.** Topics generally should focus on League positions or voter service topics.



It has been a pleasure to be President during the second year of the League of Women Voters of Monterey County. While our general meetings are held on the Monterey Peninsula, the Board looks forward to working with members from the Salinas Valley on programs of importance and interest to Salinas Valley members. **Please contact Lynn Santos, Salinas Valley Unit Director, with your ideas for programs and potential locations for meetings.**

Finally, I want to thank some unsung heroes of the

League who have made major contributions to the smooth operation of the organization this year.

Regina Doyle has been a hard-working Voter Editor assuring that our members receive timely newsletters that are extremely well laid-out and informative. Regina also stepped up to distributing public relations information after our PR director became ill.

We owe **Kemay Eoyang** a big thank you for her well-researched and excellent articles on various League positions from campaign finance reform to affordable housing. Kemay, as a **Director at Large**, has no specific portfolio. She created her own on her own initiative. Kemay, **Kalah Bumba**, and I will be working on updating the **County Government Booklet** this summer.

Last but not least is **Robin Tokmakian** who will be leaving the Board after years of service. Robin’s contribution to making sure the League operates in the “League way” has been invaluable over the years. She will continue as **Webmaster** until she can convince someone to take over that job!

Have a good summer, and we will see you in September.

Janet Brennan, JanetB@montereybay.com

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CONVENTION MAY 2015

This year’s event is in San Diego, California from May 15 to 17. We will be well represented by our **President Janet Brennan, Monterey Peninsula Voter Services Director Jeanne Turner, Salinas Valley Voter Services Director Dennis Mar, and Director at-Large Diane Cotton.**

The purpose of Convention is to: adopt a program for the next biennium; elect officers, directors, and members of the nominating committee for the 2015-2017 biennium; adopt a budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year; and adopt amendments to the bylaws. Delegates will be very busy!

Detailed information, including the final workbook (proposed budget, nominating committee report, program and bylaw amendments, proposed convention rules), can be found at the 2015 LWVC Convention Blog (<https://lwvc.wordpress.com>). Stay tuned for a report in the September Voter!

MEMBERSHIP MEMO

Welcome New Members Janis Knepp and Colette Erreca-Norris. We hope you can attend our Annual Meeting on Saturday May 9 and get to know our people and our purpose!

Thank you Judy Higerson for your early renewal at the Elizabeth Cady Stanton (\$150) level.

Membership renewal letters are coming in late June or early July. Early response is greatly appreciated! Thanks to those who have already renewed. Have a very enjoyable summer!

Lisa Hoivik, LHoivik@comcast.net

WEBMASTER WANTED

Will you run the LWVMC website (<http://lwvmryco.org>)? It mostly requires updating the calendar and uploading videos and advocacy letters. Tools/layouts are part of **LWV EasyWeb** so no need to write code. Helpful skills: ability to type and move around the Internet via a web browser. Commitment: no more than 10 hours per month.

Contact current **Webmaster Robin** for more information about the job, or anyone on the **Nominating Committee** to suggest a replacement!

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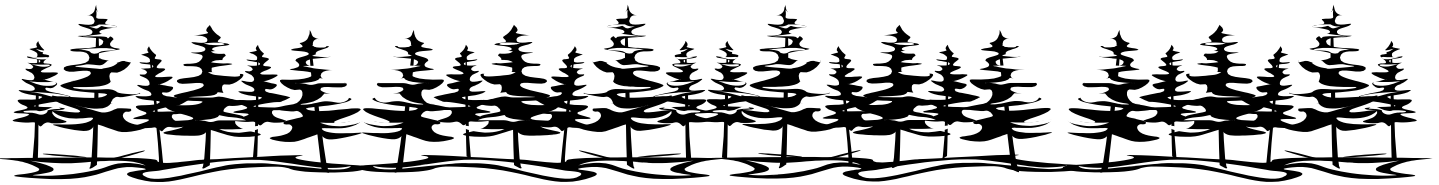
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LWVMC May / June 2015 Calendar



May

June

NO May Board Meeting



**NO May Lunch & Learn
with the League**



**LWVMC Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 9th**

9:30 am to 12 noon:

League Business,

Guest Speaker Royal Calkins
(details on page 1)



**Natural Resources Committee Meeting
Thursday, 14 May, 12 noon**

Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey

Contact: **George Riley**, 645-9914

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LWVMC Board Meeting
Monday, 8 June, 5:00pm
Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey
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June / July / August

**Regular Lunch & Learn Programs,
Committee Meetings, Board Meetings**
*(with the exception of June),
and The Voter*
on Summer Break until September.
New Dates, Times, Topics TBA