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Membership Director, Sheila Reynolds, has begun a series of member interviews to be featured in this and upcoming newsletters. It's a fun way to put a face to a name when we meet. Thanks, Sheila!

MEMBER PROFILE **ANN FULWEILLER** BY SHEILA REYNOLDS

What has brought you to support the League of Women Voters in Placer County? When this question was asked recently of a couple of our newer members, we learned that Ann Fulweiler became interested in the LWV because of Randi Swisley. Ann and Randi had some discussions about current issues that were happening in our area. Upon attending some of the



luncheon meetings and discovering the interesting topics that were presented

and discussed, Ann decided she wanted to join the LWV. She likes being better informed about local issues. Ann has lived in Auburn since 1971 when she came here to start a new teaching job in Meadow Vista. She retired in 2001 and still lives in Auburn.

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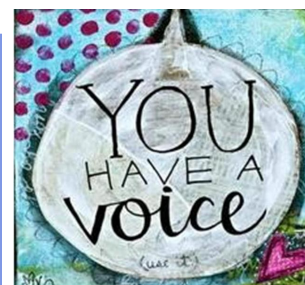
MEMBER PROFILE **ELLEN GRIGGS** BY SHEILA REYNOLDS

Ellen Griggs joined our League just about a year ago. After Ellen attended the Water Forum and another luncheon meeting with her friend, Joan Mackey, she decided to join the LWV of Placer County. She said the reason she joined was that she found it hard to get information on issues that was not biased. She wanted "the straight skinny on the issues and had no desire to participate in discussions that ended up in



gossip and personality characterizations". "I am particular about the activities that I volunteer for and I

want to spend my time in worthwhile ways that expand my knowledge and improve my brain." Ellen was a poll worker this year for both the June primary and November elections. "I seek to find pleasure from worthwhile things and the LWV has afforded me that opportunity and that is why I support them."



Program Planning Feb 5th

Do you care about voting? Never miss an election? Then come to our program planning meeting. State league sets its agenda through feedback we generate at this meeting. You voted in November because you care about who will set our political future; make your voice heard about where LWV-California should focus its energy over the next two years. Click to see LWV-C positions. What are the areas of concern to us? Hope to see you there.

Mar 5th

Mental Health in the Placer County Judicial System

SAVE Apr 6-10 SAVE

We are exploring the possibility of a **public forum on Human Trafficking** at Sierra College during the college's "Love Your Body" week. Want to help? Let us know! Call (530)888-7161.

See [calendar](#) for details.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHANGE

LWVPC bylaws define our Nominating Committee to consist of 5 members, mostly non-Board members including the Chair. Our last couple of Nominating Chairs have not made use of a full 5 person committee. They found it easier to recruit largely on their own with the help of a couple of other people. At the January Board of Directors meeting, the Board drafted a proposal to modify the bylaws to specify a 3-

person Nominating committee instead of 5. This change, as is required for any change to the bylaws, will be presented to the general membership at the June 2015 meeting when we elect our new Board of Directors. Please let us know if you disagree with this change. We also would like to know if you feel the bylaws should change in any other way. Current Bylaws are on the [About page of our website](#).

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE IN OUR NEXT ISSUE?



We want to hear from you! [Click here to contact us.](#)

New slate of officers is ready!

Joyce Beeman, our Nominating Committee Chair has completed a slate of officers to present to the membership for election to our Board of Directors in June 2015. We are still seeking someone to replace her as Chairman of the Nominating committee, starting in June 2015 and recruiting for the 2015/2016 fiscal year term.

Interested?



Let **Joyce** know:
(530) 889-1855 or
jebeeman@wavecable.com



DUES REMINDER: *Almost all dues are paid for the coming year - thank you!*
Still need to get yours in? Mail to P.O. Box 836, Loomis, 95650 or bring them to the next meeting.

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY

Public Higher Education in California is at a crossroads. Almost daily, there are news articles about public higher education and the need for reform in terms of accessibility, which includes funding, affordability, preparedness, equity, and opportunities or barriers for success. Unfortunately, because LWVC does not have a position on public higher education in California that includes the CSU and UC

systems, the League cannot comment on or advocate for or against any legislation. This study was proposed and approved in order to remedy this situation and in recognition of the fact that education is the bedrock upon which democracy is built and sustained.

Relevant articles can be sent to LWVPC prior to the publication of the Study Guide. At least two articles related to an

aspect of the study will be posted monthly on the study website (<http://lwvc.org/study/education-0>) and sent out electronically to League presidents and local committee chairs starting in mid-February 2015 and continuing through June 2015.

Are you interested in participating in this study? Let anyone on the Board know.

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