

PLACER COUNTY VOTER

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OBSERVER CORPS—OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Protecting our right to know is integral to the health of our democracy. Decisions that determine how our schools will be run, at what level community safety programs will be funded, and how land in our towns will be used impact our lives and are vital to our well-being. These kinds of decisions need to be made with public input and oversight. One important way to ensure that is to observe government meetings. LWV has been a champion of government transparency since our founding in 1920. It is one of our core principles and a vital part of our

mission. Our efforts in this area reinforce our reputation of fairness, nonpartisanship and trust. LWV members attend governmental meetings to learn what their government is doing and to monitor whether those meetings are conducted in an open and transparent way. Experience has shown the importance of LWV being present to watch – and to take action when necessary. Source: Mary G. Wilson, President LWV, Preface to *Observing Your Government in Action*.

LWV-Placer County monitors Placer County Water Agency meetings and looks to expand. Just find a meeting of your interest, read the LWV Resource Guide, contact the president for a letter of introduction, and attend the meetings – at your own pace and schedule. Interested? Contact Pam Hart at pamula1@hotmail.com or call 530-823-6799.



SAVE THIS DATE

Congressional Debate

McClintock / Moore

October 8, 2014

7pm to 9pm

985 Lincoln Way, Auburn

PENDING CONFIRMATION



MONTHLY MEETINGS START UP IN SEPTEMBER

1st Thursdays

11am to 12:30pm

Max's at Holiday Inn

110 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn

See [calendar](#) for details.

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR CANDIDATES



On November 4, voters will elect over 150 people who make decisions that affect you and your community.

- * Voters: Have you ever considered serving on your local school board or special district board but do not know how to go about doing it?
- * Are you currently a candidate and have questions?

Placer County Office of Elections has answers for you!

Wednesday, July 2 at 6:00 pm	Wednesday, July 9 at 6:00 pm
Rocklin City Council Chambers	Roseville Council Chambers
3970 Rocklin Rd, Rocklin	311 Vernon Street, Roseville
Friday, July 11 at 6:00 pm	Saturday, July 19 at 10:00 am
Custom House Building	FAB Building
775 North Lake Blvd, Tahoe City	2956 Richardson Drive, Auburn

YOU CAN BE A CANDIDATE FOR ONE OF THESE OFFICES! To see what offices are up, visit www.placerelections.com or call the Placer County Elections Office at 530-886-5650.

Jim McCauley, County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters

LWV NATIONAL CONVENTION

Over 600 delegates from 47 states attended the biennial National LWV convention in Dallas June 6-10.

Armed with member input, LWVPC delegate Randi Swisley represented local interests in policy decisions.

[Click to see more on the LWV US convention.](#)

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NEW YEAR, NEW BOARD . . .

LWVPC begins the new fiscal year on July 1 with 3 fresh faces on the Board of Directors, joining incumbents Kathy Souza, Bernadette O'Keefe and Randi Swisley.

Sheila Reynolds, our 2nd VP of Membership, is a local girl and alumni of Placer High School in Auburn. After going to college and working in Sacramento, she has returned to Auburn—and we're glad she did! She's a perfect fit on our team.

Norma Sexton, our Treasurer, is a practicing pharmacist and cello player. She lives in the rural hills of south Auburn and is a strong addition to our team.

Pam Hart, our secretary, is another local girl, growing up and attending public schools in Auburn. She remains active in AAUW and keeps a steady pulse of our local public goings-on. We're lucky to have Pam on our team.

Our new, smaller board is prepared to concentrate on planning and leadership based on member feedback—and looks forward to your comments. Member involvement in coordination of our monthly meetings is a perfect way to leverage the strength of the members we are so lucky to have. *Do you have an idea for a meeting and want the tools and guidance to coordinate it?* Just email president@lwvplacercounty.org.

[Click for info to Join LWVPC](#)



New Member

Anne Fulweiler

TWIN TUNNELS

Want to find out more?

[Click to see videos & more .](#)

. . . AND NEW BUDGET

On June 5, LWVPC members adopted a budget for growth, leveraging last year's focus on raising LWVPC visibility. Over the past year we enjoyed the company of the press, federal Congressional candidates, and local public officials at several of our monthly meetings. Attendance at those meetings averaged 25—up from an average of 17 last year. A record 108 attended our Water Forum in Rocklin. While this has chal-

lenged our hosts at Max's, and stretched our capacity, it is good news for our visibility efforts.

The budget adopted for the FY2014-15 fiscal year taps into reserves to build capacity to meet the new demand for our service. Our reserves are well above 50% of budget as retained by the state league and 25% retained by LWV-US.

Seventy percent (70%) of

LWVPC budgeted expense is the cost of education & research of issues; thirty-five percent (35%) is for presenting unbiased information to the public; and seven percent (7%) is operating expense.

Most of our Income comes from members working polls and we retain a small percentage from dues after we have paid national and state for the valuable tools and research that is fundamental to our mission.

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