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MEMBER COMMENTARY BY ROSALIE WOHLFROMM

I am a proud member of the League of Women Voters and would like to introduce you to this special organization.



The League of Women Voters was founded in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt during the convention of the National Woman Suffrage Association. The League was designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters, encouraging them to participate in sharing public policy. Let me say here that the name represents the long history of women suffrage, but it has always welcomed male members.

The League is an active, grassroots organization which believes that citizens should pay a critical role in advocacy. It is a non-partisan organization, believing this would protect them from becoming mired in the party politics of the day. Also, members are encouraged to be political themselves, by educating citizens about and

lobbying for government and social reform legislation.

Most of you, I would assume, only hear about our organization at election times. The League has always been available to educate the public on the various propositions, ballot initiatives, etc. Very rarely do we take any position though, either for or against an issue. We simply want voters to be informed.

Last year the League moderated a forum on California's continuing water shortage situation, bringing together various government officials to explain their plans for conserving this precious resource. We also hold candidate

debates, a wonderful way to get "up close and personal." It is a great opportunity to question these candidates on subjects that might be of most importance to you, the voter.

You need not be a member to attend our meetings, which are held the first Thursday of every month. We usually have speakers giving their take on subjects that affect us here in Placer County. At last June's meeting, for instance, we had Supervisor Kirk Uhler who spoke on what we should expect in the months ahead and how the Supervisors decide the distribution of the budget, very timely and informative subjects indeed.



New Venue

Room #10

Auburn's Civic Center

1225 Lincoln Way

is the location for our monthly meetings starting in September.

See you there!

First Thursdays

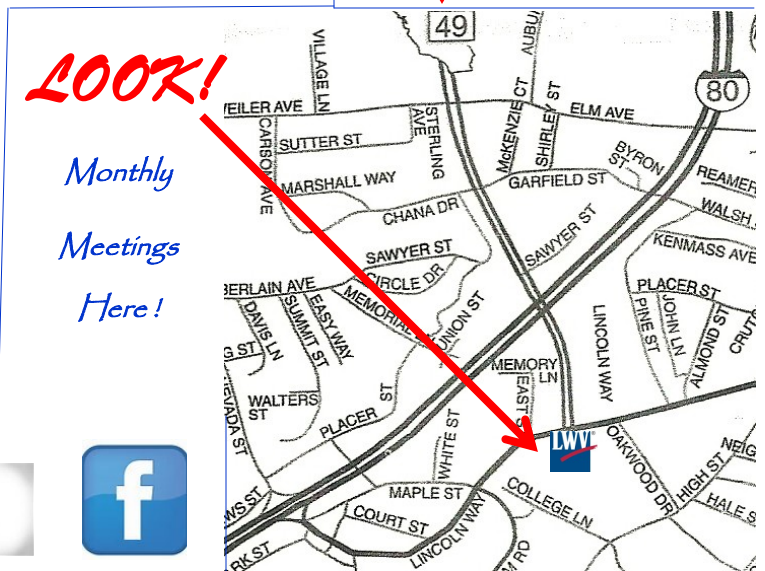
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Hwy 49 exit; Right on 49; straight thru light into driveway



LOOK!

Monthly Meetings Here!



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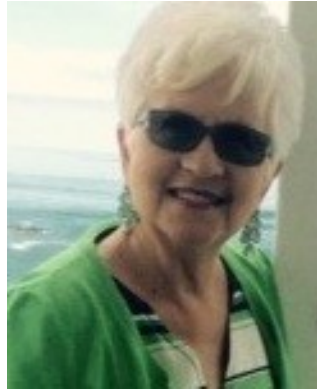
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MEMBER PROFILE JANET BRADFORD BY SHEILA REYNOLDS

We have two new members on the nominating committee for next season, Janet Bradford and Colleen Conley. Janet has recently moved into a new home in Roseville and has been busy getting settled and decorating her new home. She loves to travel, and she wanted a home that would enable her to just lock the door and leave. Every two years or so, Janet and her college friend take a big trip. They went to Machu Picchu to celebrate landmark birthdays. They rode a bus up the mountain and then hiked up to the Sun Gate. The same trip included 4 days on a small boat in the Galapagos Islands.

Janet is very active in The As-



sistance League of Placer County. She is a puppeteer for one of the elementary school programs; her show deals with bullying. She also is the shift scheduler for their Thrift Shop here in Auburn. Janet was a political science major in college. She has al-

ways been interested in politics and civic duty, and once she retired she had time to join and become involved with the League of Women Voters. She admires the goal of the League to disseminate political material that is neutral and unbiased regarding the candidates and propositions. She finds the speaker program to be the most interesting activity of the League. Janet enjoys visiting with other members and being part of a group that is learning what is happening in the world.

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MEMBER PROFILE COLLEEN CONLEY BY SHEILA REYNOLDS

Colleen Conley moved to Auburn in 1972. In 1990 she became a realtor and has worked at Lyon Real Estate since 1994. She loves her job and is very active in the industry and is a lifetime member of the Placer County Association of Realtors Master Club.

Her 4 grandchildren live close by in Roseville. This past May, she went on a river cruise in France and then spent time in Paris with one of her granddaughters who was there on a study-aboard semester.

Colleen lives with her horse, two goats and 16 chickens. Her two cats are brother and



sister and are 17 years old. In her free time, she enjoys riding her Arabian horse at Hidden Falls, which fortunately, is close to her home. She was a former participant in distance riding and is currently a member of Auburn Endurance Capital of the World Promotion Committee.

When she became a member of the American Association of University Women, Colleen says she first became aware of promoting women's issues; she says she had better with four granddaughters.

Colleen has always been aware of The League of Women Voters and is appalled at the lack of voter turnout for elections. She thinks the speaker program has been very good and likes knowing the issues and what can be done to improve things.



LWVPC Yearly Plan

The board of directors met to plan the upcoming 2015-16 year, addressing practical issues as well as focusing on Placer County's Budget. Speakers will address issues on homelessness, county development plans, unfunded liabilities, water, and other related topics.

We will partner with the California League concerning dues and purchase publicity to remind the public we are available to present Pros and Cons for the 2016 elections. We **hope to increase opportunities for poll workers** from 2 to 3 polling locations, by asking members to invite friends or partners to help staff a polling place. This is the only fundraising we do, and it has proved valuable.

The challenge of making meetings available to the largest number of people possible was also addressed; accessible location; a reasonably-priced lunch; a big enough, inexpensive venue. We hope members will find the schedule interesting this coming year and will be able to attend more meetings.

