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Marsha Ramos carries her sign as we make our way to the Women's March Los Angeles.

Letter from the President

As I headed to the North Hollywood Metro Red Line station early on Saturday morning for the Women's March in Los Angeles, I hoped that I would find one or more League members to join me on the trip to Downtown Los Angeles. As I approached the station, I saw groups of women, men and children walking to the station. I soon hit a traffic jam and saw cars exiting the parking lot. It wasn't even 8am and all the parking lots were full. I knew this would make it more difficult to meet up with members but it was also exhilarating! Some of you texted me or told me later that the crowds discouraged you from making your way to the march. It had the opposite effect on me. I was energized and ready to wait as long as needed to get Downtown. I slowly made my way to the train platform and found League member Marsha Ramos and with a group of like-minded women (some that we just met on the platform) we braved the crowds and made our way onto the subway train. We were wall to wall people and we sang and cheered as we made our way to the March. We were inspired by the signs. Everywhere you saw the expression through art of the hopes, dreams and real concerns of women. The sign that spoke to me was hand-lettered "Can't believe we still have to protest this sh#t." Right on! I used to think that women's rights were all worked out in the 1970's! Civil rights, Title IX, all of it! But democracy doesn't work that way. We have to keep working, protesting, pushing, educating and advocating for women's rights. Read about our upcoming events in this issue of The Voter and **please** join us! Most sincerely, Mary L. Dickson



Burbank Candidates Forum Now Available!

Thank you to all our volunteers who made the Candidates Forums in Burbank a great success. Educating voters is a core mission of the League of Women Voters, and one of the best ways to educate yourself about the candidates! The League of Women Voters is the organization where your hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to real civic improvement, and personal improvement, as well! Please encourage your Burbank friends and neighbors to mail-in their ballots, and encourage them to watch the forums on local public access television (Charter Channel 6) or on Burbank's YouTube channel:

The Burbank City Council forum is now available on local government access channel on a regular basis and on the Burbank YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWK_ydzZaqq

The Burbank School Board forum is now available on local government access channel on a regular basis and on the Burbank YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Y1qfE8m5eo>

Please feel free to share this information with your social media contacts. Let's all spread the word about the great work that the League of Women Voters is doing in Burbank and Glendale!



Join us at the Buena Vista Library for the Burbank Candidates Carousel!

Calling all community organizations to the Burbank Candidates Carousel!

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, February 12th beginning at 1:30pm at the Buena Vista Library for a new and exciting community event sponsored by the League of Women Voters! It's the Candidates Carousel – a place for community organizations to meet the candidates in one location. League facilitators are needed to help organizations formulate a question to discuss with the candidates. This event (sometimes also referred to a “*speed - dating*” for candidates) has been used by League groups around the country to bring together community groups with the League to help educate voters.



Glendale Candidates Forum planned for March 1 and 2!

We are also still hoping to sign-up additional community organizations. Please contact us about the event to be held in Burbank, scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2017. If you participate in a community group that you think might be interested in participating in the Candidates Carousel, please contact us at lwvglendaleburbankca@gmail.com.

Glendale Candidates Forums

Planning has begun on the candidate forums to be held in **Glendale** on Wednesday, March 1 for the City Council and Thursday, March 2 for the School Board in the Glendale City Hall Council Chambers beginning at 7PM. Rita Zwern will once again moderate our forums. Questions are welcome and can be submitted by email to the following addresses:

CityCouncilForum@gb.ca.lwvnet.org

SchoolBoardForum@gb.ca.lwvnet.org

Volunteers are always needed and helping at the forum is a great way to get to know the candidates in-person and to see the League in action. Invite a friend to join you at the forum or call us if you need a ride to the event. Volunteers should arrive no later than 6:30PM.

If you can't make the forum in person, don't forget that it will be taped and televised on local public access television. If you are interested in volunteering for either event and have questions, you can email us at lwvglendaleburbankca@gmail.com

Member Discussion Group kicks off on February 16 in Glendale

Leagues all across the country marched in support of the Women's March on Washington. Members are asking, "Now what?" How can we continue to engage with each other to address and respond to threats to our democracy? Coming together to discuss these issues is a start.

Join us on Thursday, February 16th at Panera Bread in Glendale (300 N Brand Blvd, Glendale, CA 91203).

LWV- California Program Planning

The League is a truly grassroots organization that sets its agenda through the Program Planning process. As members, this is our chance to help choose what we want California's and the League's future to be. Join us at the board meeting on February 8th (see below) when we'll be discussing League policy and positions at the state level. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard. Join us!

LWV-Los Angeles County – Annual Convention

Save the date for the County League's Annual Convention and plan to welcome League members from all over Los Angeles County:

Saturday, March 25th
LWV-LAC's 55th Annual Convention
Pickwick Gardens (in Burbank!)
9:30 am to 1:30 pm (approximate)

Board Meeting – Weds., February 8th, 7PM

Members are always welcome to attend board meetings and to share information with the board. Meetings are generally held each month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month alternating between Glendale and Burbank. This month's board meeting will be in Glendale. The meeting is held at the Glendale Arts Community Room, 118 W. California Ave., Glendale CA 91203.

March is Women's History Month

Join LWV-G/B for The Town Hall Affair
Sunday, March 26th 3:00PM RedCat Theatre (DTLA)
THE TOWN HALL AFFAIR delves into the revolutionary fervor of feminist thinking and art "happenings" of 1970s New York. The piece is based on the film Town Bloody Hall, a documentary of a 1971 panel that featured feminist thinkers and activists— including Germaine Greer, Jill Johnston, and Diana Trilling — with Norman Mailer serving as an immoderate moderator. A limited number of tickets are available for this special event. For more information, you can email us at lwvglendaleburbankca@gmail.com

