



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF VENTURA COUNTY

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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Dear Members and Friends of LWVVC:

Happy New Year to you all! Let’s make 2017 the year of League action and advocacy. Please plan on attending our Program planning meeting on Saturday, February 11 at the Ventura College of Law from 9-12 noon. In 2016 we devoted ourselves to election related programs, candidate forums, pros and cons, and voter registration. This year we

are free to consider what needs we see in our county and state and address them as our League action positions guide our efforts. What issues are you most concerned about; water, education, land use, fracking and oil drilling, prison reform, mental illness, homelessness, environmental issues effecting global warming, women’s reproductive rights, infrastructure, or ...? What do you want to learn more about? We look forward to seeing you on the 11th and refreshments will be provided.

As Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.” Let that be us.

Yours in League,

Betsy Patterson & Pat Essick  
Co-Presidents

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# ➤ SPECIAL EVENTS ◀



**Saturday, February 11 – PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING** - 9:00 am to 12:00. Location: Ventura College of Law, Classroom #1 located off the Courtyard, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear). In preparation for LWVC state convention.

Early in the calendar year the membership meets to do program planning in preparation for the upcoming convention, state or national. This year it is for the California state league. We will discuss and decide on input to provide them regarding suggested topics for study or issues on which to focus their attention for advocacy. This year we no longer are asked to review each state position for concurrence but rather to focus on where we think greatest attention is required.

## Get to Know Your Local Representatives

### Legislative Interviews

Every election, as a new state Legislature convenes, the state League urges us to set up appointments with those who represent our County, whether newly elected or not. The LWVC prepares us with background material, suggestions on how to conduct the interviews and questions they would like addressed. Post interview, those members who attended the meeting write up their findings and submit them to the state league as well as the local Board. Preparing an article for the VOTER newsletter is desirable too, if the elected officials agree. The purpose of this process is two-fold: (1) for us to become better acquainted with our elected state representatives and they with us and the League; (2) to assist the state league with information on the elected representative's views such that they can better represent the League with that member on pending legislation of interest to us.

This year there are two newly elected members from our county to the state Legislature. Our League and the state League would benefit from interviewing them as well as those re-elected. Please consider getting engaged in this process – it is interesting, educational, and of lasting value. Below are our office holders and their districts; if you are willing to attend one or more, please advise of your interest by email to [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org), including in which member interviews you would like to participate. LWVC has finalized the interview kit and their question areas – funding of elections (administering elections in California and what should change, how the function should be funded), public higher education and water resources. A question of interest to the local league may be asked as well. Some interviews will likely be conducted in conjunction with another League, such as Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, or LA. The local league responses are due by March 10th so once we know of your interest, arrangements can be explored.

- ▶ 37th Assembly District: Monique Limon, D
- ▶ 38th Assembly District: Dante Acosta (R)
- ▶ 44th Assembly District: Jacqui Irwin (D)
- ▶ 19th Senate District: Hannah Beth Jackson (D)
- ▶ 27th Senate District: Henry Stern (D)

# VCRRN Annual Event

## VENTURA COUNTY REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS NETWORK

2017  
Roe v. Wade

Each January, the Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network (VCRRN) celebrates the anniversary of the landmark Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision by publishing a signature ad in the local press.

The newly elected national leadership has clearly stated its intention to overturn Roe v. Wade and has threatened to reverse many of the protections to reproductive health care services that we have fought so hard to gain. We cannot stand idly by while so much is at stake.

Stand with us in pledging to protect Roe v. Wade by signing our annual anniversary newspaper ad.



Save the Date for the 2017 Roe v. Wade Anniversary Event

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017, 2:00-4:00pm**

Temple Beth Torah, 7620 Foothill Rd., Ventura

### WHAT'S NEXT FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS?

A panel of experts representing Political, Healthcare, Legal, Reproductive Rights advocacy and Religious perspectives will discuss what's at stake and what we can do to hold on to our rights.

YES, add my name (or my organization's name) to the VCRRN's annual Roe v. Wade anniversary ad to run on Jan. 19, 2017.

Name(s) to appear as follows (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**DONATION.** Your gift will help support youth activists. Donations are not tax deductible.

\_\_\_ \$20 one individual membership, name in ad & event admission

\_\_\_ \$30 one organization membership, name in ad & event admission

\_\_\_ \$60 Choice Advocate: two individual memberships or one organization membership, name(s) in ad & two event admissions

\_\_\_ \$100 Choice Champion: two individual memberships or one organization membership, name(s) in ad & two event admissions

\_\_\_ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Here is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation, but don't print my name in ad.

This form must be received by Jan. 10, 2017 for your name(s) to appear in the Roe v. Wade anniversary ad.

Mail form & check to VCRRN at P.O. Box 6601, Ventura, CA 93006.

The VCRRN is a countywide umbrella of organizations and individuals committed to educating the community about reproductive health issues and mobilizing its members in support of reproductive freedom, rights and access.

805 212-0702 | VCRRNetwork@gmail.com | www.bit.ly/VCRRN | facebook.com/VCRRN

## LWVVC BOARD DOINGS

All members are encouraged to attend monthly LWVVC Board meetings. See Calendar below for the when's and where's. Come and see what your Board is doing and learn about projects that are in the works.

### The Full Board Did Not Meet in December

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## New Members

We are especially happy to have these members dispersed around the county.

- Barbara Carr - Ventura
- Adela & Jessica Trainor - Ventura
- Carol Garramone – Ojai

## Donors – Thank you to our donors !!

- Jack and Pat Murray
- Eunice Koch
- Marion Totheroth
- Suzanne Harvey in memory of Jeanne Harvey & Winnie Hirsch

*If you would like to donate to the LWVVC Scholarship Fund, please make your checks payable to “LWVVC Education Fund” with a notation “Scholarship Fund” on the memo line of the check. Send checks to LWVVC, P.O. Box 6786 Ventura, CA 93006. Contributions are tax deductible.*

## **A Little Housekeeping**

If you would like to receive the VOTER by mail and don't already, please send us an email or call Suzanne Harvey and let her know.



LWVVC Membership Chair Pat Butler Womens (Mans? Nah) Information Table at Candidates Forum

## VOLUNTEER A LITTLE TIME

• lwvvc needs you! •

*If you have some time and are interested in volunteering a bit of it for the good of the League, following is a list of projects that could use your help. If interested in getting involved, send an email to [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org) and let us know what you would like to do, someone will follow-up.*

- ▶ **Advocacy Committee.** This group will be particularly important regarding when and if LWVVC endorses ballot measures including initiating League deliberations as soon as ballot issues are determined. LWVVC can advocate on subjects on which the League has a position. We cannot disagree with state or national endorsements however we can decide not to take any action. Chelsea Sutula – Ventura, and Carol Lindberg – Ventura are looking for other members to join them in this effort.
- ▶ **Members for a Program Committee** to help identify topics of interest and plan meetings, forums.
- ▶ **In Search Of Someone to Take Over as LWVVC’s Representative to the Ventura County Reproductive Rights Network.** We need someone who will keep our Board and members (via the VOTER) informed of the doings of the organization and serve as our liaison. For example, they hold one or two events each year where we typically have a presence.
- ▶ **Articles for the VOTER. We are always looking for articles** to include in the VOTER. Anyone who has a piece they think would be of interest to our members should send it to [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org). **VOTER deadline is one week prior to ending of every month.**

*Working on a project for the LWVVC and need some help? Send an email to [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org) and tell us what you need and we’ll include it in the next VOTER. Please include dates, location, time of day.*

## THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

• all league meetings are open to the public •

### CALENDAR

- ▶ **Friday, January 6 - Program Planning Committee Meeting** - 12:30 pm. Location: Marie Shannon Confections, 27 S. Chestnut St, Ventura. All are welcome. Contact Steve Lattimore for more details.
- ▶ **Tuesday, January 10 - LWVVC Board Meeting** – 11:00 am to 1 pm (please be prompt). Location: Ventura College of Law, Classroom #1 located off the Courtyard, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear).
- ▶ **Saturday, February 11 - Program Planning Meeting** – Details to be announced. Location: Ventura College of Law, Classroom #1 located off the Courtyard, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear). In preparation for LWVC state convention.
- ▶ **Tuesday, February 14 - LWVVC Board Meeting** – 11:00 am to 1 pm (please be prompt). Location: Ventura College of Law, Classroom #1 located off the Courtyard, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear).

- ▶ **Tuesday, March 14** - LWVVC Board Meeting – 11:00 am to 1 pm (please be prompt). Location: Ventura College of Law, Classroom #1 located off the Courtyard, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear).
- ▶ **Tuesday, April 11** - LWVVC Board Meeting – 11:00 am to 1 pm (please be prompt). Location: Ventura College of Law, Classroom #1 located off the Courtyard, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear).
- ▶ **Tuesday, May 9** - LWVVC Board Meeting – 11:00 am to 1 pm (please be prompt). Location: Ventura College of Law, Classroom #1 located off the Courtyard, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear).
- ▶ **Thursday, June 1 thru 4** - 2017 LWVC Convention - Location: Sacramento. For California Leaguers, attending the state convention in our capitol city is not to be missed. And, the 2017 LWVC Convention will continue that tradition. We will include more information as it becomes available.
- ▶ **Tuesday, June 13** - LWVVC Board Meeting – 11:00 am to 1 pm (please be prompt). Location: Ventura College of Law, Classroom #1 located off the Courtyard, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear).

### Upcoming Opportunities from LWVC

In order to be more effective advocates and to share the League's work, board members, staff, and program advocates participate in program-related conferences and activities. Two upcoming events that may be of interest to many members are:

- Annual Green California Summit, February 15 in Sacramento: [www.clevedfund.org/greencasummit](http://www.clevedfund.org/greencasummit)

The LWVC participates in [Green California, a network of more than one hundred organizations](#) with a common environmental, health, and justice agenda, working collaboratively to speak to the legislature with a unified voice on issues impacting California's air, water and natural resources.

- 2017 Future of California Elections Conference, March 9, 2017 in Los Angeles: <http://futureofcaelections.org/conferences/foce2017/>

