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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends of LWVVC:



Why is so little done on our county roads? What plans are there to fix our highways? How old are our bridges? Are they safe? What will our freeways be like in the next 5 years, 10 years, or even 20 years? What can we do to improve things? To find answers and become informed about something that we all rely on, bring yourselves and your friends to our upcoming Forum on “Our Aging Roads and Bridges: Ventura County’s Way Forward” on April 29. You won’t be sorry you spent the time. We have a great panel of experts in all

things transportation, especially roads and bridges, who are prepared to answer all the above questions and more. I hope to see you all there.

On another note, our Nominating Committee is working hard to line up an excellent slate of officers and board members for next year. It is important for us all to step up and be willing to serve in some capacity. Please think of how you can contribute. We are a small group and need everyone’s help to keep up the programs and services we provide. Please say yes if you are called to serve or better yet, volunteer yourself. Many hands make light work.

Yours in League,

Pat Essick - President

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➤ SPECIAL EVENTS ◀

The League of Women Voters of Ventura County Invites YOU to

An Educational Forum on "Our Aging Roads and Bridges: Ventura County's Way Forward"

Friday, April 29
9:30 a.m. - Coffee
10:00 a.m. - Program

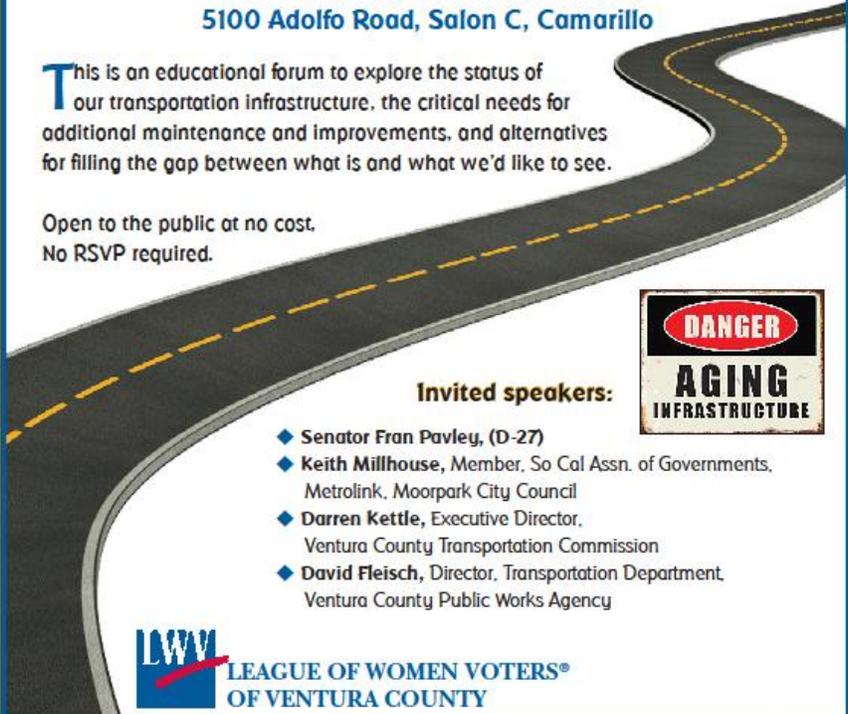
Ventura County Office of Education
5100 Adolfo Road, Salon C, Camarillo

This is an educational forum to explore the status of our transportation infrastructure, the critical needs for additional maintenance and improvements, and alternatives for filling the gap between what is and what we'd like to see.

Open to the public at no cost.
No RSVP required.

Invited speakers:

- ◆ Senator Fran Pavley, (D-27)
- ◆ Keith Millhouse, Member, So Cal Assn. of Governments, Metrolink, Moorpark City Council
- ◆ Darren Kettle, Executive Director, Ventura County Transportation Commission
- ◆ David Fleisch, Director, Transportation Department, Ventura County Public Works Agency



Thursday, May 19 - LWVVC Hosting Tour of Port of Hueneme. We will meet at 9:45am to be picked up by the tour bus at 10:00 am. Our tour will be led by Will Berg, the Port's Public Information Officer. Following the 2-hour tour, lunch will be available by pre-paying \$20. Reservations for the tour and lunch may be made by phone to Barbara Doyle (805)765-9302 or via email at gregnbarbara@yahoo.com no later than May 1. Your check for \$20 for the optional lunch must be received by May 5 at PO Box 6787, Ventura, CA 93006. Checks should be

payable to LWVVC and note that your payment is for the Port of Hueneme lunch. You MUST RSVP to ensure a space on the tour bus.

LWVVC in Search of a Co-President

- we're taking nominations for 2016-2017 league year •

A position that will be open for the 2016-2017 League year is that of Co-President to serve with Pat Essick. Following is a brief job description.

Co-Presidents work jointly to provide leadership for the League and serve as spokespeople to the community. Among the shared responsibilities are:

- Presiding at Board, Annual, General, and public meetings.
- Contacting appropriate National or State board members for advice, assistance, suggestions, and approval of actions planned by local League.
- Working with board by delegating work and keeping communications open.
- Coordinating programs and studies with neighboring Leagues when practical.
- Filling vacancies on the board with board approval and appointing committees, as needed.
- Communicating with membership through the Voter.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in taking on the role of LWVVC Treasurer, contact Cheryl Collart, Pam Pecarich, or send an email to info@lwvventuracounty.org

Submitted by Pat Essick, President

Idea for Future Event

Board of Directors:

President:

Patricia Essick

Vice President:

Barbara Doyle

Secretary:

Judith Murphy

Treasurer:

Pamela Pecarich

Directors at Large:

Pat Butler

Suzanne Harvey

Helen LaMonte

Steve Lattimore

Carol Lindberg

Jennifer Matos

Pat Murray

Future Event with a Featured Speaker – A Futurist

The Program Planning committee is proposing an event with a featured speaker that would address the future challenges we can expect to face as a country and individually. There are academics in our region who research and write on such topics, and we would be soliciting them to determine whom we might attract to Ventura County. Possible topics would include the future effects of changing demographics of the state, population growth, and increased diversity; global warming and the world's food supply/agriculture; education and global competition; environmental and technology changes. All of these have the potential, alone or in combination, to drastically change our lives in ways that are hard to even conceive of now for the average person.

Let us know of your interest, any focus you would prefer, and if you'd like to suggest a speaker for such an event at info@lwvventuracounty.org.

Submitted by Pam Pecarich, Director

Gearing Up to Register Seniors

Teen Voter Outreach Program Ready For 2016 Graduates

LWVVC members and friends from Thousand Oaks participated in preparing graduation announcements that included a congratulatory letter from the Thousand Oaks mayor and voter registration cards to local high school seniors. The program has been a continuing joint program between the League of Women Voters, City of Thousand Oaks, and the Conejo Valley Unified School District (CVUSD). Since 2000, the program has encouraged Conejo Valley students to exercise the right to vote when reaching 18 years of age. This year, Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Westlake, Conejo Valley, LaReina, Oaks Christian, and Century Academy high schools will receive graduating student announcements and voter registration cards.

Since its beginning, the program has reached over 17,000 participating students. Many League members, participants from the CVUSD and the City of Thousand Oaks, and volunteers contributed to the success of this year's Teen Voter Outreach program.

Submitted by Pat Murray, Director

Voter Service Gets Ready for Primaries

Election Season Plans

Currently we are working on four possible candidate forums before the June 7, Primary. We would like to have one in Ventura for Supervisor District 1, one in Camarillo and one in another location for Supervisor District 3, and one in State Senate District 27. If you are interested in participating in any of these, please call Helen La Monte @ 805-495-1600 or email @ hlamonte@hotmail.com.

Submitted by Helen LaMonte, Voter Service

Transportation Committee Update

Transportation Committee Report

On March 25, the Transportation Committee met in Ventura to work out the final details for the upcoming April 29th educational forum, "Our Aging Roads and Bridges Ventura County's Way Forward." Steve Lattimore, Pam Pecarich, Carol Lindberg, Suzanne Harvey, and Pat Essick made plans for contacting the speakers to work out technology needs for their presentations. We also brainstormed about who to send fliers to and other ways to publicize the event. We decided on the order of the presenters, the time allotted to each, and how the question and answer portion of the event will be handled. This is such an important topic and we have such terrific speakers lined up, we are really hoping for a good crowd.

Submitted by Pat Essick, Transportation Committee

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.

Notes from March Board Meeting

Topics Covered and "To Do" List:

- Pat Essick reported on our Higher Education consensus meeting, feedback was very positive. She also discussed preliminary plans for our upcoming Annual Meeting scheduled for June 11.
- Board discussed ongoing effort to find volunteers to be on a Nominating Committee for a new Board. Cheryl Collart agreed to chair the Committee, no other volunteers have come forward so far.
- Transportation Committee - Pam Pecarich reported on plans and speakers for our upcoming meeting on transportation infrastructure.
- Voter Services – Helen Lamonte outlined plans for the upcoming election season including candidate forums.
- Women's History – Pat Butler updated the Board on plans for a program in September.
- Port of Hueneme Tour - Barbara Doyle filled in the details on the May 19 tour of the port.

Submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Members

Welcome to our newest member.

- Terri Fivash - Ventura

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 and let us know what you would like to do, someone will follow-up.

▶ LWVVC member Carmen Hurd has been asked by Oxnard High School and Pacifica High School in Oxnard to **register their seniors to vote**. Toward that end, Carmen is looking for interested and dedicated volunteers to help her at each of the schools. Oxnard High has offered time to register new voters over the week of April 18-22. The Pacifica High School dates have not yet been determined but Carmen will need a good number of volunteers to help there as well.

To volunteer, please call Carmen at 805-889-7282 or send her an email at cgsh22@yahoo.com to let her know when you would be available to help. She is happy to train anyone who has never registered voters before.

As a present and past volunteer with Carmen I can truly say that her enthusiasm and dedication to encouraging a new generation of voters to embrace the opportunity and power of voting is inspirational and life changing for many of the teens. Please come join in this inspirational activity. - Pat Essick, President.

▶ **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. 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 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

▶ **Thursday, April 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).

▶ **Friday, April 29** - LWVVC Forum on Transportation Infrastructure with invited panelists - 9:30 am to 1 pm. Location: Ventura County Office of Education, Salon C, 5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, 93012. We will gather at 9:30 am with coffee and the program will begin at 10:00 am.

Note Change of Date ▶ **Thursday, May 5** - 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.). Open to all members.

▶ **Thursday, May 19** - Tour of the port in Port Hueneme - 10 am to Noon. Although the tour is free, you MUST RSVP by May 1 to ensure a space on the tour bus. We will meet at a to-be-determined location at the Port at 9:45 am to be picked up by the tour bus at 10:00 am. It is important to be on time or we will have to leave without you! Our tour will be led by Will Berg, the Port's Public Information Officer. Following the 2-hour tour, a lunch of sandwiches, salads, ice tea and cookies will be available by pre-paying \$20.

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▶ **June 11** - LWVVC Annual Meeting - Time and Location TBD.

▶ **June 16 - 19** - LWVUS National Convention. Location: Washington DC, Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Rd NW, Washington, DC , 20008. Go to [National Convention](#) for more information.

