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March Monthly Meeting Monday, March 11 11:30am-1:00pm

For the first time in four years the monthly meeting will be held in-person in the conference room around the corner from the League office. Join us as we celebrate getting back together!

4340 Redwood Hwy., San Rafael Suite F138

Zoom option available



Speaker

Lana Adlawan
Director, County Library Services
Marin County Free Library

“Marin County Free Library
Educational Equity Services”

Lana and her team of librarians will bring us up-to-date on the work they are doing throughout Marin County to support educational equity.

Thank you Education and Libraries Committee

Need More Information Before You Vote! Check out these sites.



vote411.org



marinlww.org/candidate-forums-352024



marinlww.org/pros-cons-

Your Invitation will soon be coming in the mail!



**Announcing
Guest Speaker - Dr. David McCuan,
“Protecting Our Democracy in Times of
Strife: Guidelines & Guideposts for 2024”**

DR. DAVID MCCUAN is Professor of Political Science and Department Chair at Sonoma State University. He joined the SSU faculty in fall of 2003 during the historic California recall election period.

Professor McCuan’s scholarly expertise rests in two broad areas: American politics and international relations. He teaches courses in international and national politics, state and local politics, campaigns and elections, political behavior, and international security and terrorism.

In the area of elections, his research focuses on the general impact of ballot measures—direct democracy—in

California and across the nation. He has served as an expert witness in cases concerning direct legislation in both California and Washington state, where he has presented his research.

In addition to his work at SSU, Professor McCuan has taught at the California Maritime Academy and was a Visiting Fellow at U.C. Berkeley in the Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) and the Graduate School of Journalism. He was a member of the Advisory Board of the Initiative and Referendum Institute (IRI) in Washington, D.C. and has used his expertise as an elections observer in the Horn of Africa.

A belated happy birthday to the League of Women Voters!



COLLEGE OF MARIN



Join us in Supporting College of Marin Students

Student Emergency Assistance Fund (SEAF) Application Fee Fund

This year we will continue to support the Student Emergency Assistance Fund (SEAF) while adding a new program. COM has asked us to provide \$5,000 seed money to initiate an Application Fee Fund for students transferring to a 4-year institution. Whatever we raise above that amount will go to the SEAF.

SEAF helps students stay enrolled at COM by supporting students in crisis when they need it most. Examples include car repairs; eviction protection; basic needs of hygiene, food, and housing supplies; and school supplies. The SEAF supports students when they need it the most, enabling them to continue their education.

The Application Fee Fund helps students fulfill their educational goal of transferring to a 4-year college. COM has between 350-400 transfer students a year. An application fee of \$80, non-refundable, is required for every UC campus selected. This new fund will give the Transfer and Career Center Coordinator, Sofie Totapudi, the means to assist those most in need. Our initial gift will provide for 15-25 students to apply to two or three institutions and help COM evaluate whether this program needs to be expanded to assist more students.

One student story from Sofie Totapudi

"We had a student last year who had achieved a 3.9 grade point average in just two years. When it came time to complete her application, she was faced with a \$100 charge. Having maxed out her one credit card on food and rent, she didn't have the financial resources to push the 'submit' button. Personally, it was one of my hardest days at work."

With your generosity, we can do this together and continue to build a better community for everyone.

Please donate online at marinlwv.org or mail a check to the League office.

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**VOTER EDUCATION
& OUTREACH**



IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

Marin County voters have More Days and More Ways to vote in the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary!

If you haven't voted yet, then make sure you return your signed ballot or visit a vote center to vote in person today! Remember, you can vote at ANY vote center in Marin County.

The LAST day to vote in the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election is Tuesday, March 5th!

Note: Within seven days of Election Day, the Registrar of Voters recommends that voters return their ballots to a secure drop box or vote center instead of using US Mail.

If you need election information before you cast your ballot, check out our League website, Marinlww.org. We have posted all of the information you need to vote -- candidate forum and Pros/Cons recordings, important dates, links to voter guides and much more! Look for the Main Menu Tab labeled "March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election." Please share our website with friends!

All League members are trusted messengers of reliable, nonpartisan* voting and election information for family, friends, and community. The reach of our voter education work in 2024 depends on our League members sharing voting and election information.

*Remember to wear your nonpartisan hat when sharing LWV information. [Learn more HERE](#)

Our VEO Team needs more volunteers! We need your energy and ideas to empower voters in this very important election year! We need to members to post on social media, staff our League table at community events, share voting information, deliver printed materials and more! Send an email to Robin at votereducation@marinlww.org or Pat at outreach@marinlww.org to learn more and volunteer today!

Questions about the election? Go to VOTE411.org, Marinlww.org or send an email to VoterEducation@marinlww.org

Dates:

March 2 – ALL Vote Centers Open (any Marin voter can go to any vote center)

March 5 – Election Day!

CALLING ALL PROS & CONS FANS!

If you still haven't voted, check out the Pros & Cons recordings of CA State Proposition 1 on the Marin LWV YouTube channel. Here is the link: [2024 Proposition 1 Pros & Cons](#)

This was a joint effort between the Marin and Sonoma Leagues. We joined forces to create the script and this recording. In it you'll see what a "Yes" vote means and what a "No" vote means. We also include the current situation, what would change if passed, who the supporters and opponents are as well as who has contributed financially to both sides.

Pros & Cons is one of the most fun of all the League's short-term activities. If you like research, working with others, and/or being a presenter THEN THIS IS FOR YOU. We're expecting to have more than 7 measures on the November 5th ballot. The process spans from mid-August thru mid-October 2024. We will need lots of help. Join our team!! Contact Lynn Dooley at prosandcons@marinlww.org today!!



Save-the-Date!
Join us on Friday, April 5th
for a presentation of Marin
County's
Race Equity Action Plan.

This is a FREE forum. Please invite co-workers, clients and community partners! We ask each person to register.

[REGISTER Here](#)



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The US' Involvement in Human Trafficking

Human trafficking is a scourge that circles our globe. Once thought to only affect other countries, the US has been shown to be one of the highest perpetrators of sex trafficking and is significant in its labor trafficking, as well. This program will focus on the impact of US involvement in human trafficking outside the US and the possible reasons that committing this crime abroad may seem to some to be less of a crime.

When: Thursday, March 21

Where: Dominican University, Creekside Room
100 Magnolia Ave., San Rafael, CA 94901

Schedule: Coffee and Cookies: 7:00—7:30 PM Lecture: 7:30—8:30 PM

Speaker: [Laurel Botsford](#) is a communications professional, convention speaker, conference organizer and advocate. She took on the task of preventing human trafficking in 2014 as a trained volunteer for Shared Hope International and in 2018 founded Wisdom International: Help2Others. Across the years, Laurel's focus has remained on building "Prevention Before Harm" knowledge and skills against human trafficking into everyone's daily life through developing and delivering individualized, age and culture-appropriate trainings for clubs, schools, and agencies. She hosts community events with her partners: Survivors, Tribal Leaders, coalitions, law enforcement, victim services and legal services, with each sharing best practices to end human trafficking from all angles.

[Register](#)



Dr. Deborah Ann Turner — a League member since 2010 — served as our president from 2020-2024.

A fearless advocate for voting and women’s rights, she devoted her life to empowering voters across the nation. As a gynecologist, teacher, associate medical director for Planned Parenthood of the North Central States, and the 20th president of our 103-year-old organization, Dr. Turner fought for a more compassionate, representative, and equitable union.

To honor Dr. Turner's lifelong work to create a more just, fair, and representative democracy, her family invites you to consider [donating in her name](#). Thank you for helping us continue her legacy of advocacy.

[GIVE IN HONOR OF DR. TURNER](#)

Below are a few of the many messages that League members, partners, and supporters have shared about her impact. **If you have a tribute to Dr. Turner, email it to lww@lww.org.**

For more, read some of our [favorite quotes from Dr. Turner](#), watch her [2022 speech](#) to members, visit her [Marquis Who's Who biography](#), or read her [obituary from the Washington Post](#). In partnership with her family and the Iowa State University Memorial Union, you may also [watch her funeral service](#).



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