

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TULARE COUNTY

“... To promote informed citizen participation ...”

# THE VOTER

NOVEMBER 2017

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## October Program Recap

## LWVTC Calendar

**November 7** 7:00 am–8:00 pm  
Election Day in Farmersville and Woodlake (see p. 7)

**November 9** 9:30 am  
Board meeting at the home of Dale Simmons

**NOVEMBER 14** 5:30 pm

**(NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE. This is the 2nd Tuesday, and it is an evening meeting.)**

Unit Meeting; Program: Assistant City Manager Leslie Caviglia on “It’s Your City—Opportunities to Serve on Citizens’ Committees and Commissions!” (see pp. 2, 3); at Sue Sa’s (see p. 8)—\$17

### Lunch Reservations

Make these on or before Fri.

**November 10**

Contact: **Phoebe Taylor**  
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or 732-5061

**REMINDER:** Payment must be made for any no-shows. Please be sure to attend if you reserve.

**November 29** 7:00 pm  
Movie Night; *The Manchurian Candidate*; at Dale’s (see p. 7)

**December 7** 9:30 am  
**(Note this date change)**  
Board meeting at Dale’s

**DECEMBER 12** 11:30am  
**(Note this date change)**  
Unit Meeting; Holiday Fest; Program: Cynthia Norvall from the C.O.S. Giant Pantry

**January 11** 9:30 am  
Board meeting at Dale’s

**JANUARY 16** 11:30am  
Unit Meeting; Program: TBA

## SERIOUS RE-ORG OF REGISTRAR’S OPERATIONS

BY MARY LOU BURBERY



Our League welcomed Michelle Baldwin, the new Tulare County Registrar of Voters [PICTURED RIGHT IN PHOTO], and Emily Oliveira, Elections Program Coordinator [LEFT IN PHOTO], to our October meeting. Baldwin brought good news—the Elections Office has been reorganized as the Registrar of Voters Department, in order to have a more efficient management structure. An administrative unit will deal with budgets, poll worker training, etc., while

the operations unit will deal with all aspects of voting, such as voter registration, candidate filings, and such.

Baldwin also introduced the changes coming in voting procedures, slated for implementation by 2020. “We must strive to improve our processes and procedures continually,” she stressed, “so that the citizens are reassured that the integrity of the election process is upheld.” These new laws explain the changes:

### ASSEMBLY BILL 1461

Eligible Californians will be registered when they get a license, State ID, or an address update at the DMV, unless they opt out. This will likely produce a large increase in registrations, so our focus will need to be on participation.

### ASSEMBLY BILL 1436

This bill allows voters to register up to and including Election Day. For those voters registering and voting after the 14-day cutoff prior to an election, their votes would be cast provisionally. This will require additional staff time to research and make a determination on those additional provisional votes.

### ELECTIONS CODE 3019

As of January 1, 2016, vote-by-mail (VbM) ballots that are returned without signatures may be signed up to eight days after an Election. This means more staff time will be needed to notify voters, process and verify ballots during the Election Canvass period.

### ELECTIONS CODE 3020

“Postmark Plus 3” extends the date VbM ballots are timely received. Any VbM will be considered timely if the ballot is postmarked or time-stamped on or before Election Day, and received in the office no later than three days after Election Day.

Our members asked for clarification of the new rules, and expressed confidence that Baldwin will lead the new Department with diligence.

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## Editorial Musings

### TWO VIEWS ON HOW TO TURN ON THE TURNOUT

Our new registrar of voters, Michelle Baldwin, struck a nerve last month when she noted that Tulare County ranks second-to-last in the state for voter registration—59.95% of eligibles. (Merced Co. is a tad lower.) But she seemed even more concerned about the low turnout performance of those who bother to register. In 2014, fewer than half turned out, meaning only 24.55% of eligibles cast ballots—reflecting a 70-year low nationwide. 2016 was better, but still only 44.50% of eligibles.

Two very smart, thoughtful guys have come to seemingly opposite conclusions as to how we should solve this problem.

“There’s no such thing as not voting,” states University of Washington law professor Eric Liu. “Not voting is voting, for everything that you may detest and oppose. Not voting can be dressed up as an act of principled, passive resistance, but in fact not voting is actively handing power over to those whose interests are counter to your own...”

“There used to be a time in American history when voting was fun,” Liu reminds us. “From the Revolution to the Civil

Rights Era, the United States had a vibrant, robustly participatory and raucous culture of voting. It was street theater, open-air debates, ... parades and bonfires.” He’d like to see Election Day be a national holiday (as it is in many

countries), complete with festive activities in public spaces—what he terms a “face-to-face culture of voting.” “It’s been killed by television and then the internet. The couch has replaced the commons. Screens have made citizens into spectators,” Liu laments. “That’s a rather quiet kind of citizenship.”

California’s secretary of state Alex Padilla, on the other hand, is actively trying to reach people on their couches. He is facilitating on-line voter registration, and pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds. And he’s encouraging mail-in voting.

In his ideal, “Every voter would be sent a ballot in the mail and have the option of mailing it in, or of taking it to a voting center [where you could] drop it off...curbside..., place it in a 24-hour ballot drop-off box, or go inside...and place it in a ballot box. Vote centers would be located throughout the county and voters would have the flexibility of returning their ballot at any vote center in their county. And, you would be provided 10 days of early voting. This would allow voting to fit more easily into our daily lives.” In fact, Baldwin tells us, this system will be launched in 2020.

Ultimately, Padilla wants to see all eligibles automatically registered to vote on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthdays. In other words, he’s trying to make voting as effortless as possible.

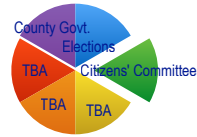
Maybe both ideas can work in concert?

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM

### Leslie Caviglia

“It’s Your City—

### Opportunities to Serve on Citizens’ Committees and Commissions”



*The second in our series, “Making Democracy Work—Locally,” this month we look at ways individuals can participate in policy-making directly. (See p. 3 for more.)*

Few people have as much hands-on knowledge about how our local government works as Leslie Caviglia, assistant city manager for the City of Visalia. Starting out some 20 years ago as a community affairs manager, she was city clerk and then deputy city manager before taking her current position. Each step of the way, she has been intimately involved in the nitty-gritty of operations, planning and policy implementation at the municipal level.



Caviglia also has private-sector experience, having worked for Beacon Oil Company, as well as running her own consulting enterprise, before starting with the City. She continues to be connected to the private sector through her family farming operations in Tulare County and the Salinas Valley.

A graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, with a degree in journalism, she and husband Gary live on a farm near Ivanhoe and have two daughters, one at Syracuse, and one studying abroad at Beijing University through University of Denver. Caviglia’s extracurricular interests—the arts and children—keep her involved in a number of local community activities, as well.

### THE VOTER

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# THE FAILURE & PROMISE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This excerpt from *Governing Magazine* can be seen in full at their [website](#).

By Mark Funkhouser, former mayor of Kansas City, Missouri

January 6, 2014

... Regular folks have made the calculation that only in extreme circumstance, when they are really scared or angry, is attending a public hearing worth their time. And who can blame them when it seems clear that the game is rigged, the decisions already have been made, and they'll probably have to sit through hours of blather before they get their three minutes at the microphone?

So much transparency and yet so little trust. Despite the fact that governments are pumping out more and more information to citizens, ... Most public officials I talk to now take it as an article of faith that the public generally disrespects them and the governments they work for. Clearly the relationship between citizens and their governments needs to be reframed. ...

But here's the rub: ... The requirements for public meetings in local governments are generally built into state statutes such as sunshine or open-meetings laws or other laws

governing administrative procedures. These laws may require public hearings in certain circumstances and mandate that advance notice, along with an agenda, be posted for any meeting of an "official body"—from the state legislature to a subcommittee of the city council or an advisory board of some kind. And a "meeting" is one in which a quorum attends. So if three of a city council's nine members sit on the finance committee and two of the committee members happen to show up at a public meeting, they may risk having violated the open-meetings law.

[In a 2013 study] *Making Public Participation Legal* not only makes the case for how outdated public participation laws actually work against meaningful citizen engagement but also lays out an excellent set of policy options for strengthening public participation. The study includes model municipal and state public participation legislation, along with model city charter language for **citizen advisory boards**.

It is with these citizen advisory boards that the authors see the best chance for beginning to reframe the relationship between citizens and their governments. ... The whole purpose of these citizen advisory boards is to provide an entry point for citizens into government decisions, gathering information and providing a forum for citizen advice and opinion to be communicated to the governing body. With a little tweaking, the study says, they could be "ideal forums for deliberative democracy practices that can better mirror the organic processes of citizen-driven collective action."

In my experience, citizens are not apathetic but they are rational. Give them an opportunity for meaningful engagement with others in their community about issues that directly affect them and their neighbors instead of three minutes at the microphone, and they'll show up. And the legitimacy and sustainability of government will be strengthened.

## LWVTC Membership This & That

BY MEMBERSHIP CHAIR DONNA MEKEEL

We will have our **FIRST EVENING UNIT MEETING** of the year, to accommodate working members. Bring a friend! See page 1 Calendar for details.

5:30 — Doors open / 6:00 — dinner (\$17) & program  
If you would like a ride, call Donna Mekeel (733-4832) or Dale Simmons (732-2009). We will get you there and back home!

Please help these **NEW MEMBERS** feel welcome:

- ★ Jane Davis
- ★ David Dudley
- ★ Valerie Ehrlich
- ★ Kathy Falconer
- ★ Nancy Holmes
- ★ Gigi Sackerson
- ★ Cynthia Thorburn
- ★ Nancy White
- ★ Gene Yunt

The next **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY** will be available in January.



In October, the Board established a **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP RATE** of \$30/year. If you know a student—16-years-old or more—who would like to join, perhaps you could sponsor them? Encouraging civic engagement at a young age is a good thing!

We are **COLLECTING DUES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018**:

\$65: single — \$90: household  
Make checks payable to LWVTC, and remit to Donna Mekeel.

Our Unit hosted a wine-and-nibbles **HAPPY HOUR**, on October 10, to welcome new and prospective members. President Dale Simmons gave an interesting overview of the League's history and mission, and Board members outlined the various projects they manage—and explained how members can participate. [LEFT] Hostess Donna opened her home for Vice Pres. Faye Zeeb, guests (center rear) Steve and Ann Claypool, new members (center front) Donna Kindschuh and Gene Yunt, member Phyllis Ogden and others. [ABOVE] Member Joy Marshall surveys the goodies.

## UNIT NEWS

# LWVTC GOES TO HIGH SCHOOL — TULARE WESTERN

BY VOTER SERVICES CO-CHAIR TERRY CORNELIUS

To support our Secretary of State's effort to increase high school voter registration, as well as National Voter Registration Day, LWVTC spent October 9 and 10 at Tulare Western High School registering eligible students to vote. Maile Melkonian and Terry Cornelius met with six government classes each day.

Our sessions always begin with a little history of the League of Women Voters. Emphasis is on our fundamental mission to protect the right to vote and to encourage active, informed civic engagement.

This is followed by a brief history of the struggle for voting rights, which hopefully impresses upon students the importance of valuing—and using—their right to vote. To stress the consequences of voter turnout, we provide data illustrating that the majority of those who do vote are 45 years and older. Thus, older people make the decisions for the young people. To encourage students to become informed voters, we share multiple state and local resources to tap for in-depth information about everything on the ballot.

Having laid this foundation, we guide students through the registration and voting process. This year, the Secretary of State established an automated pre-registration process for 16- and 17-year-olds. Previously, this age group could pre-register, but there was no automated system to support it.

So during these classes, eligible students pre-registered or registered on-line. Those that had driver's licenses got an immediate confirmation because the system takes their signature from the DMV. Those without licenses received a letter from the County Elections Office requesting their signatures. We verified that those letters went out immediately, and that Elections Office staff follow up. When these students turn 18, they will get an automated notice that they are eligible to vote in the next election.

Working with these high school students and their dedicated teachers is always rewarding! Those who want to help our Unit fulfill this important part of League's mission may contact Terry at [terrymcs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terrymcs@sbcglobal.net). Join the fun!

## LEAGUE AT THE LIBRARY

BY VOTER SERVICES CO-CHAIR MARY LOU BURBERY

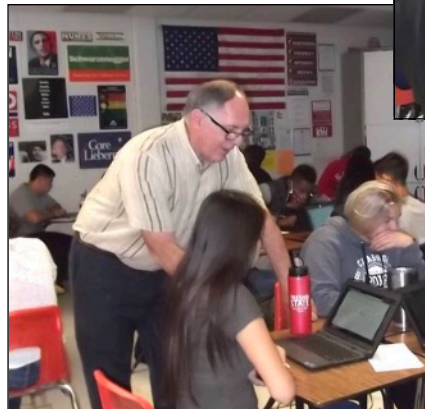
As part of our National Voter Registration Day effort, League members registered voters at the Tulare County Public Library on Oct 14, the second of two days at that location. There was a book sale in progress, providing lots of foot traffic into the Library.

Participating League members—Mary Ann Bringham, Karen Feezell, Rosemary Jackson, Kathy Falconer and Dale Simmons—spoke with many people about registering and learned that most of these library patrons had already registered. Some were happy to take registration forms with them for other members of their families. One person did register.

In the future, LWVTC hopes to find venues where there is a greater need for registration assistance. Nevertheless, a continuing public League presence does help raise awareness about the importance of voting and civic engagement.



[ABOVE] Terry introduces a senior government class to on-line registration.



[LEFT] Government teacher Doug Dethlefs answers students' questions.

[BELOW] Fellow teacher Kelli Medeiros encourages civic engagement.



# OBSERVER CORPS IS BACK!

Vice President Faye Zeeb has been busy with managing the revival of LWVTC's Observer Corps, a project by which our volunteers sit in on the public meetings of selected government bodies, and report back to the Unit. Consistent with our Program Planning theme of "Making Democracy Work—Locally," this effort supports transparency in government. Each month, The Voter will feature a report from one of the agencies' meetings. This month's focus is:

## VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

BY DONNA KINDSCHUH  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

BY KATHY FALCONER  
OCTOBER 10, 2017

This being the first meeting of the new school year, principals were required to attend.

A Literacy Update went over the progress made for preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The target is to have all children read at a 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade level by the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The focus has been put on new training and materials for teachers, additional instructional coaches for the teachers, and an effort to engage parents in the process.

An October distribution of Chromebook laptop computers was announced. The District is providing one computer for every two elementary students, and one for each middle school student.

Director Jim Sullivan then gave a summary of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), describing the goals for Visalia Unified as:

**Goal 1**— Engage students in a challenging curriculum and provide them the support to be successful.

**Goal 2** — Support a district-wide collaborative culture for students and adults focus on learning and results.

**Goal 3** — Maintain a caring and encouraging learning environment for students and adults.

**Goal 4** — Recruit, hire and retain highly qualified talented and productive staff.

For the coming year, Sullivan enumerated \$33 million in earmarked costs, the largest of which are:

To support Goal 3: School climate (BIT's, AP's, SW, Kinder Support): \$8,799,948.

To support Goal 1: Offer additional courses at high schools and middle schools: \$5,376,352. Library/textbook support: \$5,085,697. Professional development: \$3,904,668.

All seven members of the Board, and Superintendent Todd Oto, were present. In addition to other more regular business, an issue of relevance to League—First Amendment rights—garnered much attention.

Four members of the audience were applauded after voicing disapproval of the district's and superintendent's response to a recent incident in which a student wore a sweatshirt displaying a confederate flag while attending a school function. Opinions included:

- The student should have been reprimanded rather than recognized for demonstrating first amendment right of free speech.
- The student should have been asked to leave to change his shirt.
- The flag was racist and offensive to students of color.
- When they attended high school, students had not been allowed to wear shirts with logos or particular gang member colors.

This highlights the tension that can occur between the two goals of freedom of speech and anti-racism. Oto thanked the speakers and said he will initiate a discussion on the issue and respond at the next meeting.

## OBSERVER CORPS SCHEDULE

*Thanks to the volunteers listed here, the O.C. roll-out is getting off to a great start. As representatives of LWVTC, Observers take notes during proceedings, but do not speak unless instructed to do so by the Board on a particular subject of concern to League. Of course, we encourage everyone to attend such public meetings, as engaged citizens. (Click on entity for agenda.)*

BY VICE PRESIDENT FAYE ZEEB

Gov't. Entity	Meeting Dates	Time	Place	Volunteer(s)
<b>C.O.S. Board</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays	5:00 p.m.	915 S. Mooney Blvd.	Jeanine Blessing Gene Yunt
<b>Kaweah Delta Hospital Board</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays	6:00 p.m.	K-D Hospital, Blue Rm. 400 W. Mineral King	Ed Bergtholdt
<b>Tulare Co. Board of Education</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays	3:00 p.m.	6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Redwood CD Room	Jeanine Blessing
<b>Tulare Co. Board of Supervisors</b>	every Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	2800 W. Burrel Ave.	Newell Bringhurst Phyllis Ogden
<b>Visalia City Council</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays	7:00 p.m.	707 W. Acequia Ave.	Donna Mekeel
<b>V.U.S.D. Board</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays	7:00 p.m.	5000 W. Cypress Ave.	Kathy Falconer Donna Kindschuh

## Member Profile

### SHERRI BENTLEY

Born in Texas, but raised in Colorado, Sherri Bentley came to California with husband Walt, an entomologist, when he took a job with U.C. Extension in Parlier. They had met when she—fresh out of University of Colorado with a degree in education and a credential—was teaching in the Rockies.

Sherri's professional career has been dedicated to literacy. Here, she worked at Goshen



Elementary, where she implemented an intense program as a “reading recovery” teacher, focusing on the four weakest readers in each class in order to get them up to grade level. She taught in Bakersfield, as well. At C.S.U. Bakersfield, she honed her skills with a masters in language arts and reading.

“I love the progress you see with the little kids,” she says. “At the end of the year, they’ve learned a lot—and they *still* love school!” Even in her retirement, she continues with a reading intervention program at Royal Oaks Elementary. “It’s a passion,” she says.

“Visalia is a neat town for a feeling of community,” Sherri observes. Her church involvement is how she met Mary Lou Burbery, who invited her to a Unit meeting three years ago. “I think the programs are terrific,” she enthuses. Since then, she has volunteered at the League’s signature voter registration tables. Her mother was a member in Colorado, “so I knew about the League,” she notes.

A.A.U.W. is another education-related organization she’s active in, currently as co-president. She also helps with meals at the Good News Center, belongs to two book clubs, and is learning how to quilt. She and recently-retired Walt travel as much as possible.

They have a son who is a councilor at Porterville College, and a daughter working in mental health in Fresno. Sherri became a mother-in-law for the first time a month ago, after putting on a wedding—in 109-degree heat!

## Elections in the News

*The following is good news for League, which helped push Governor Brown to sign before October 15, when the bill would have otherwise died. This item is excerpted from The Sacramento Bee, and can be found in full at <http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article177659771.html>.*

### BROWN SIGNS CALIFORNIA DISCLOSE ACT — TO SHINE LIGHT ON DARK MONEY

By Taryn Luna

October 7, 2017

...Gov. Jerry Brown on [October 7] signed a measure aimed at providing voters with more information about deep-pocketed groups that pay for political advertisements.

The California Clean Money Campaign sponsored Assembly Bill 249, calling it one of the most important disclosure bills in the nation. The measure, a multiyear effort supported by government transparency advocates throughout the state [including the California League of Women Voters], will require political advertisements to include a list of the top three financial contributors to the committee paying for the ad.

“No more fine print,” Assemblyman Kevin Mullin, the South San Francisco Democrat who authored the bill, said in a statement. “California voters will now be able to make informed decisions, based on honest information about who the true funders are of campaign ads. This transparency is critical to our democracy and I am proud that California has taken this historic first step to shine the light on ‘dark money.’ Hopefully this will encourage others to follow suit.”

The head of the state’s political ethics watchdog agency and its staff members questioned whether the bill lived up to its “California Disclose Act” moniker. Staff analysts with the Fair Political Practices Commission recommended the four-member panel oppose AB 249 because it reduced the fines they can dish out to groups that violate advertising laws....

“It’s not that the goals aren’t admirable,” Jodi Remke, chair of the commission, said at the agency’s September meeting. “I 100 percent support the goals of the bill. But as it has been said the devil is in the detail.”...

Bob Stern, one of the state’s foremost campaign finance experts who wrote the Political Reform Act with Brown in 1974, reiterated a common saying around the Capitol: The perfect is the enemy of the good.

“What you have with AB 249 is not only good, but an excellent bill, not a perfect bill,” Stern said at the commission’s hearing. “I learned a long time ago that perfection is usually not possible, especially when it comes to legislation that has to be approved by two-thirds of the Legislature.”... ★

# SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



[Above] Our inaugural scholarship winner, Alida Verduzco Silva, is congratulated by LWVTC President Dale Simmons. Silva—the first in her family to attend college—transferred from Porterville College last spring with a 3.8 GPA, and is studying business administration at the brand-new Visalia Campus of C.S.U. Fresno. She says, “I am committed to focus on bringing business opportunities to Tulare County that create jobs.” The funds are going toward tuition, fees and textbooks.

Our newly established scholarship—for local community college graduates transferring to Fresno State’s Visalia campus—is funded entirely through donations made by our members.

According to Dean Luz Gonzalez, the Visalia campus was established to make higher education more accessible and affordable for students by allowing them to live at home, and to encourage them to utilize their graduate skills locally.

LWVTC decided to help defray academic costs for one worthy student each year with this award.

Our goal is to grant a \$500 scholarship each spring. At present, we have \$450 in the account for this purpose. Donations are tax-deductible. Anyone wanting to help put us over the top may mail checks (made out to “LWVTC”) to Treasurer Phoebe Taylor, P.O. Box 3011, Visalia, CA 93278. To contact her with questions: [phoebet8@att.net](mailto:phoebet8@att.net) or 732-5061.

## Election Calendar

*The only November 7 elections in our County are in Farmersville and Woodlake (see details in the October issue).*

### October 31

Last day to postmark VbM ballots

### November 1 – November 7

Late-condition VbM/early voting ballots submitted in person at Elections Office only

**NOVEMBER 7** 7:00am–8:00pm

General Election Day

### 2018

**June 5** 7:00am–8:00pm

Primary Election Day

**November 6** 7:00am–8:00pm

General Election Day

*“Information is the  
currency of democracy.”*

— Thomas Jefferson

## MOVIE NIGHT !

BY DALE SIMMONS

If you are looking to see who is rated the 21<sup>st</sup> worst villain in American cinematic history, this is your movie. In this, the original 1962 film, Eleanor Iselin (said villain) is the mother (played by Angela Lansbury) of American Raymond Shaw (played by Laurence Harvey), a soldier returning to the U.S. from the Korean War. His platoon was captured and taken to Manchuria in Communist China. Were they brainwashed? Two of his platoon members also returned to America and were having nightmares involving Shaw. They think what they dreamed was a reality. Being the Cold War era, one of the soldiers gets help from the Army to see what happened to Shaw, what might happen to him. Iselin is married to, and is driving, the political career of a U.S. senator, whom she wants to become their party’s next candidate for president. Shaw’s involvement at their political party’s convention is planned out by Iselin. Will her nefarious plan succeed?...

## *The Manchurian Candidate*

Wed., **November 29, 7:00 pm**

At the home of Dale Simmons  
**1501 S. Mountain St.**, Visalia  
(corner Royal Oaks, east of County Center)

Not Rated; RT 2:09

League of Women Voters of Tulare County  
P.O. Box 3011  
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**Be an engaged citizen! *Join . . .***

## **THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TULARE COUNTY**

The League is a non-partisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government through education and advocacy. Members include women and men of every age, race, background and political belief. The more than 1,200 local Leagues work to promote citizen action on local, state and national issues.

### **Why the League ?**

Because you care about the future of America. You recognize that your rights as a citizen come with a responsibility to participate fully in the democratic process. As a member you can:

- Stay informed about the issues that concern you the most,
- Make your views heard by adding your voice to ours
- Sharpen your skills for effective leadership, networking and public outreach.

LWV of Tulare County is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charity. Dues and donations to this unit are tax deductible. Annual membership dues are \$65.00 for individuals, \$30 for students and \$90.00 for households.

Visitors are welcome to our regular meetings, at generally 11:30 am on the third Tuesday of the month—September through June—at Sue Sa's Left of Center, 699 W. Center St. in Visalia. Check our website for details:

<http://tularecounty.ca.lwvnet.org>